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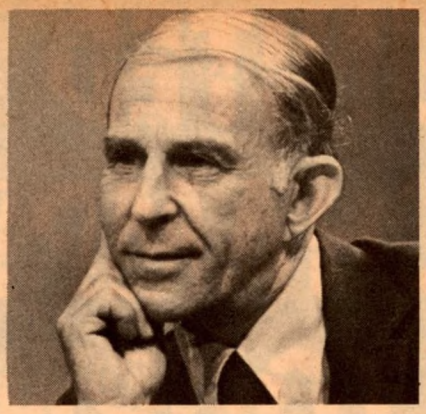
EDITORIAL AS I SEE IT

by NAT LOUBET Editor AND Publisher of The RING



MUHAMMAD Ali should call it a day and retire. The once magnificent fighting machine that drove him right up into an all time great status among the top ten heavyweights is but a shell of its former greatness. Ali clowned his way through the early rounds of his fight with Alfredo Evangelista and then, worn down by his own exertions, he was unable to accomplish anything fistic when he finally decided the time was right. Ali did win a 15 round decision over his Spanish challenger, but the "fight" had the fans booing at times. The fight is being covered by detail elsewhere in this issue.

It must be stated that Ali needs top notch competition to look like anything, and it just might be that despite his apparent inability to put together combinations or land a solid punch he may have more left in his arsenal than he placed on exhibit in this contest. He certainly could not have less.

Not to demean Evangelista, an ever-trying if ineffectual challenger, the man should never have been in the ring with Ali at this stage of his career. Why was he? The reason was that he was rated among the top ten in the heavyweight division by both the World Boxing Council and the World Boxing Association. Those who watched the boob tube witnessed Howard Cosell interview the heads of both organizations in an attempt to get some semblance of reason as to how Evangalista got into the ratings. The answers were hardly satisfactory.

The Ring magazine has never rated Evangelista because we did not feel he had the qualifications for such a ranking. However, in all fairness, it is easy to throw bricks, and ratings are such that it is impossible to get agreement by all on any rankings. Despite the fact that ratings must be determined mostly by results achieved by the fighters in the ring, there is always an element of subjectivity that cannot be avoided and will never allow all to agree.

Recently I had a communication from a computer company which wanted to help us with our ratings by setting everything up in figures, a purely mathematical rating. The idea is, of course, ludicrous, since a knowledge of the quality of opponents as well as their records must be taken into consideration.

All of which brings us to my favorite topic, which is the proper supervision of boxing in the United States. Many will say I am whipping a dead horse by continually imploring Washington to give us a National Boxing Commission; but it is the only solution for a healthy sport. We must have uniformity and badly need a body which would have the power to regulate boxing.

Neither the WBA nor the WBC have any power to enforce their rules or their edicts. The members of both organizations can and often do snub orders which are not in their interest.

Probably the worst problem is that of the double champions, and only a National Commission will force the issue so that champions of both the WBA and WBC will fight so as to get one universally recognized world champion in each division.

Some might say that a National Commission will not have that much effect on world boxing. To these detractors of a National Commission I say wrong, wrong, WRONG!!!!! Television and big money control any sport, and the televising of all big bouts and the "money" is right here in the United States. Regulate and rule boxing properly in the U.S. by having control over television and the big money bouts, and not only will U.S. fans have a sport they can believe in and enjoy, but the outcome also will net a world sport that will fall in line with a minimum of spoilage.

Does someone really care? One of you Congressmen who enjoys sport get the ball rolling and we will all share boxing as a healthy international sport such as it should have been long ago.

UNITED STATES CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT ...The Real Story

By NAT LOUBET

LOOKING back over the scene into which the United States Championship Tournament made its appearance it is now apparent that what on the surface was a combination of putting together three elements, a promoter (Don King), (ABC) television and The Ring (idea), was not nearly as simple as it seemed at first glance.

From the inception, after Don King with great ability and vision sold the idea to ABC, the entire project was smothered with behind the scenes intrigue and manipulations.

Lack of organization and lack of team cooperation among all the parties attempting to put on the tourney caused havoc even before the arrival of the allegations of kick backs, house fighters, and inaccurate records.

As the tournament began to roll along, the teamwork began to improve, but not at a pace to surmount its detractors and rival groups who did everything in their power to disrupt and destroy the tourney.

It is evident that with the first breakout of trouble, namely the now famous unpopular Scott Ledoux loss to Johnny Boudreaux and the ensuing allegations, that the tournament was getting into serious difficulties. Then came charges of alleged kickbacks. The final straw was the "padded record" problem where a few managers sent along some inaccurate records that ABC felt could have influenced the ratings. Came the decision by ABC to suspend the tournament pending an investigation of all the facts.

At the moment there is a Grand Jury investigation in Maryland looking into the Ledoux-Boudreaux fight and its ensuing charges of "fixed fight," etc. Our sources indicate that with its conclusions no indictments will be handed down.

The Attorney General's Office is looking at the entire United States Tournament "to make sure that no laws were broken."

ABC, through an outside law firm, has hired Mike Armstrong to investigate the entire situation which we presume will include ABC's role in the tournament.

All the information that The Ring has gathered so far in its investigation indicates some padding of fight records by a few managers and questionable tactics of ownership and "booking" which were evidently legal, but which raise some moral questions.

Unfortunately, the one word that can best describe the reason for the suspension of the tournament is "greed." I believe that the tournament should be continued since all of the problems are solvable, but I have grave doubts about the tourney's future. I am sure that now that ABC has taken the step they will make no decision until their investigation has been completed.

Certainly the fights themselves on television were for the most part excellent. Many young fighters got a chance that never would have come their way through any other channel. The entire idea was to give the better, unknown fighters in America an opportunity to gain the spotlight so that they would eventually get a chance to fight for world titles.

Although some of the fighters in the United States ratings were of a quality at the time to achieve a

King Offers an Apology To Ring Editor Loubet

From Herald Wire Services

Promoter Don King, under fire as the result of assorted allegations of wrongdoing in connection with the United States Boxing Championships, offered a public apology Monday for uncomplimentary remarks he leveled at Nat Loubet, editor of The Ring magazine.

The U.S. Championships have been suspended by ABC-TV while charges are investigated by the network's own representative as well as a Baltimore grand jury. Ratings published in The Ring were used to rank fighters for the tournament, and those ratings have been shown to be wrong in some cases.

King, in a prepared statement from his office in New York, said: "Two weeks ago, shortly after I learned that the United States Boxing Championships were being suspended, with the main reason advanced that The Ring magazine and Ring Record Book were inaccurate with regard to the keeping of fighters' records, I've made some thoughtless and regrettable statements about Nat Loubet and his most respected publication.

"These intemperate remarks by me were made in careless haste. Surrounded suddenly by the media from all parts of the country, it sounded as though I was impugning the personal honesty of publisher Nat Loubet and his methods of keeping boxers' files up to date. Such was not my intent. I now admit that I did Nat and Ring a great disservice."

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Hockey

THE New York Islanders, trailing 3-1, face elimination tonight in the Stanley Cup semifinals when they face the Canadiens in Montreal. Last year the Canadiens lost only one playoff game as they swept to their 19th Stanley Cup title. The script could be similar this season if they beat the Islanders tonight to advance to the final against the Boston Bruins Thursday. If the Islanders win tonight, they will face Canadiens ...

SPORTS ROUNDUP

day, the United States twice took the lead against Czechoslovakia before falling to the defending world champion, 6-3. Sweden finished first after the first-round matches, although it had 12 points, the same as the Soviet Union.

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Basketball

BILL RUSSELL has agreed to take roughly half the $250,000 salary he would get as coach and general manager of the Seattle SuperSonics as a payoff to buy out the last year of his contract, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported. The newspaper quoted only "a reliable source," who was not identified, and said the owner of the club, Sam Schulman, refused to confirm the report.

Russell could not be reached for comment ... Former Los Angeles Laker star Elgin Baylor, South Carolina Coach Frank McGuire and three stars of a past generation — Charles Cooper, Lauren Gale and William G. (Skinny) Johnson — were inducted into the National Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

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Auto Racing

SID COLLINS, 54, longtime voice of the Indianapolis 500, was found dead at his Indianapolis apartment, hanged with a necktie. Police said he apparently committed suicide. He had been terminally ill ... Cale Yarborough, who finished second to Darrell Waltrip in Sunday's 500-mile race at Talladega, Ala., has won a $10,00 bonus as top driver in the first third of the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing's grand national tour. Yarborough leads money winners for the season with $168,925. Benny Parsons is next with $91,215, followed by Waltrip with $89,595.

Baby O's Top Daytona Beach

Special to The Herald

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Miami's Dallas Williams paced a 16-hit attack with four hits in six at-bats, as the Orioles defeated the Daytona Beach Islanders, 11-2, in a Florida State League game Monday night.

Five Miami players had doubles in support of pitcher Nate Snell, who picked up his third victory of the season. Snell struck out five and retired the last 12 batters in order.

The Orioles scored the wining run in the top of the sixth inning on Andy Davis' run-scoring infield single. Randy Robinson had walked to lead off the inning and advanced on a sacrifice and another infield hit.

Miami

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Williams cf	6	2	4	1
Dimmel rf	6	1	2	0
Cook 3b	5	2	2	2
Robinson 1b	4	1	2	2
Chrstphr dh	5	1	2	0
Thomas lf	3	0	0	1
Davis 2b	5	1	1	1
Alvarez ss	4	2	1	1
Fitzgerald c	2	1	1	1
Totals	40	11	16	9

Daytona

	ab	r	h	bi
Hrchdt cf	3	0	0	0
Lacy 2b	3	0	1	0
Yrbrgh rf	4	0	1	0
Jones lf	4	0	0	0
Phelps 1b	4	0	1	0
Fleming c	4	1	1	0
Thomasson 3b	4	1	1	0
Serrano ss	4	0	2	1
Kratill dh	4	0	1	[illegible]

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St. Pete	10
Daytona	7
Tampa	6

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Winter Haven...

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Winter Haven 6, Lak...

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Sports Card

Horse Racing

Hialeah Race Track — First race 1:15 p.m.

Greyhounds

Miami Beach Kennel Club — First race 8 p.m.

College Baseball

Mark Light Field ... p.m.

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Houston 108, West... series, 4-2
Denver 114, Port... leads series, 3-2
Golden State 115, ... tied, 3-3

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standing in the world ratings, most of the United States rated fighters were not well known, and in most cases unheard of except to the real boxing buffs who have made it a point to study boxing with careful scrutiny.

The concept was to give a chance to the young and unheralded pugilist. Too many fans, and ABC as well, give the impression that the fighters to be seen should be those considered the best in the world. This, perhaps, because television is mainly concerned with how shows are rated, and the more top names they could provide the better they felt their ratings would be. As it happens the ratings of the tournament were so high even without top names, that they even surprised the ABC executives.

It also happens that the four fighters still in the tournament who had padded records would have made it without the padding. They are all undefeated fighters and the padding added nothing to their status.

For example, one man, Vonzell Johnson, had six fights in 1976, of which he won five by knockouts and one on a ten round decision. His record was padded by adding three fights in 1975 which would have made no difference as to his standing in 1976 or his entrance into the tourney.

The padded records were a serious problem, but wherein lie the other serious problems?

To begin with, allegations were spread, but not to date proved, that the promoter, Don King, wanted to control all of the fighters who would graduate from the tournament. This was the starter. King had stated to the Committee charged with running the tourney that he had no such plans. The seriousness of such accusations took their toll, and only the investigation will eventually show if there is any truth in such charges. Other promoters and video people used these and other allegations which they spread like a brush fire in their insane desire to kill off the tournament. The gossip that was fed to all who would listen was often based on little fact or none, and scared ABC into a state of jitters from which it never recovered.

The United States Championship Committee, headed up by James A. Farley, Jr., who showed remarkable integrity in his fight to make sure everything was done properly, was handicapped because the committee supposed to be a separate entity with no "strings" attached—was not given the power it needed, not given a budget to operate on, and actually was not given the independence originally stipulated.

"Unfortunately, the one word that can best describe the reason for the suspension of the tournament is 'greed.' "

This was being constantly promised "for the future," and if the tourney had continued the committee would have obtained everything it needed, because all the members made it clear that if they didn't they would resign.

The committee did the best it could in the climate in which it was operating. Many allegations were dealt with, investigated and clarified, but more often that not allegations would be looked into by ABC who would mount their own investigations without informing or obtaining the approval from the committee which was supposedly given the authority to run the tournament. The old situation of a house divided. Farley would investigate anything that came to his attention.

Why did ABC do this? Greed? This time on the part of ABC? The role of ABC should have been to televise the tourney as they do many sports events for which they purchase the rights. Unfortunately, they were not satisfied with this role. They became, in fact, as much a promoter as was King and, in fact, gave King many anxious moments as to the aspirations of ABC. There was a general feeling among King people that ABC might be moving toward using the tourney as a springboard to run future tournaments by themselves. Could this be why ABC wanted so much of a say in everything?

Despite a lack of boxing knowledge, it was ABC which made the decision to put the Ledoux-Boudreaux fight on the air despite recommendations from all the other parties concerned that it was not the bout to televise on that particular program. There were many fights to choose from. Only a small number of the tournament fights were seen live due to the time alloted to the tournament for any particular day. It was felt that the public would be better served by several other matches which had better promise of action. But it was ABC who insisted on making all the decisions—most of them wrong.

The people in boxing are a breed separate from any type in any other sport. Their ways of operating are strange to the ways of the business world.

To expect a television network to understand or work with this different "breed" of men is to expect too much.

If, as it now looks, television is going to own fighters and really wet its feet as promoters, its executives sure as shooting had better surround themselves with consultants who are boxing people with vast experience. . .and listen to them.

The prep boys in the TV setups can hold their own in operations with shrewd business men, but man, oh man, if they attempt to run boxing as their own promoters, they will end up cold and naked in the

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ED. Note—In the maze of allegations before the ABC-TV "U.S. Championship Tournament" was suspended, it is gratifying to receive complimentary comments from readers of Ring magazine expressing their loyalty to the continued success of the publication. Being caught in the flack of a major controversy in boxing is a "first" for this organization. Even a public apology by Don King fails to heal the wound.

This organization has a reputation of honesty and integrity and makes every effort to uphold the tradition of high principle outlined by the late Nat Fleischer, founder of *The Ring Encyclopedia* and Ring magazine.

We cannot account for "human error," but we most certainly can depend on the honesty of our staff of writers and researchers. With plans of a "tighter ship" in researching the many results received in our offices, we hope to sail through the troubled waters of suspicion to the clear sea of truthfulness which has always been our course and always will be.

Thank you for your support.

Fiasco Could Have Been Avoided

It has become increasingly clear in reviewing the recent Watergate-style coverage of the demise of the U.S. Boxing Championship that if only half as much effort were regularly devoted to fight results the entire fiasco could have been avoided. To expect Ring magazine, with less than 7,000 paid subscribers, to verify the authenticity of the results on which its ratings are based, is to expect too much of a publication which must rely on a small office staff and a few correspondents scattered across the country.

I can remember vividly visiting Ring headquarters when I was 13 and finding Nat Fleischer poring over stacks of newspapers from all over the country, each of which contained detailed accounts (both wire service and local) of the fight scene, and provided ample input for monthly ratings. Today, thanks to the lack of such continious newspaper reporting, The Ring must rely on gossip from managers and promoters whose motives have little to do with the furnishings of accurate information.

As a decentralizing sport without formal schedules or standings, boxing will remain uniquely vulnerable to its exploiters unless strong public support is nourished by an active press. The grandeur of "Rocky" or the greed of King—it's up to you.

Phillips S. Lapatin
Marblehead, Mass.

Media Lambasts Unfairly

We have thought of you and suffered for you during the past week or 10 days when you have been going through the terrible ordeal of the King-ABC affair in which your name has been mentioned. The media surely have had a "field day" at your expense and that of others who have not been involved in any serious wrongdoing.

This seems to be a case of a good idea that promised to help boxing having been sidetracked or handled unfortunately. I suspect that Ring may have had some errors in its rankings during its existence, which is to be expected inasmuch as humans and judgement are involved. It is unfortunate that these human errors seem to be considered by some as having some evil intent. Knowing you, we do not subscribe to any such opinion or judgement.

We do hope that "the worst is over" and that you may be spared any further publicity in this unfortunate affair. Also, we like to think and believe that there will be no serious nor lasting "shadow" on Ring or you as its Editor and Publisher.

Williard B. Dean
Scarsdale, N.Y.

A Friendly Gesture

Dear Nat;

Just a friendly note to say. . . one must meet you to recognize your decency, honesty and integrity.

Good luck and with kindest personal regards,

Lou Zaris,
of KNOCKOUT GAME

All Will Be Well. . . .

Dear Nat;

How are you? Fine I hope.

As of late I understand my favorite magazine, Ring, has been in some controversy and the butt of a few jokes.

Well, I just want to reassure you that since 1958, I've been a reader of Ring and I will continue to be and have confidence in you and the magazine. All will be well, it just takes a little time.

I remember a couple of years ago, I had a "storm" in my own life and by keeping calm and praying every day things eventually turned around for me. I'm sure they will for you also. Take care and good luck,

Larry Kenny,
Coventry, R.I.

SOMEBODY OUT THERE LIKES US

The Ring Has Always Stood For Integrity

Editor;

As a long time reader and admirer of Ring magazine, I was upset to note that even in a periphal way, The Ring is involved in the investigations of King and his National boxing promotions. I trust The Ring will not be lessened by this.

With Nat Fleischer, The Ring has always stood for integrity. It is still "the Bible of Boxing" and will continue to exercise beneficial influence in boxing that invariably needs help.

For millions out here, we want a quick resolvence of the present problems and a return of boxing to television. The Ring should lead the way here.

L. Vetter

It's Evil Thoughts From Evil People

Dear Nat,

I've been doing a lot of thinking about the comments on the radio in London and Paris regarding something that's been written about as a fraud in boxing.

Here in Europe I'd say that everything is seen as nothing more than a bitter and inhuman phony story created by someone who wanted to hurt either the ABC tournament or Don King.

I feel so proud about the Ring magazine and its staff especially when I think I am part of it. I believe in you, Nat. I hope you keep your chin up and wait clamly until everything vanishes from the atmosphere. It is all the infliction of evil thoughts from evil people.

J.F. Sanchez-Acosta
Paris, France

Norton Short Circuits Bobick

By NAT LOUBET

KEN Norton short circuited any consideration of Duane Bobick as a serious contender for Muhammad's heavyweight title when he finished off Bobick in 58 seconds of the first round of a scheduled 13-rounder at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

Bobick left the ring as he had come in, "Mr. Nice Guy," and Norton left as he had entered, menacing, scowling, determined and fearless.

After the national anthem and the usual amenities by referee Petey Della, the bell rang for what most at ringside felt would be a fight that would not go the limit, but no one in his wildest imagination would have tabbed the first round as the possible end of hostilities.

The bout hardly appeared to have begun before it was over. At the bell Bobick met Norton in mid ring and made a few paw like gestures and shoulder movements to indicate a readiness to punch, but he never moved in as his pre fight backers had indicated he would; bull his way right into Norton, bang away and use his vaunted right hand.

As Duane climbed into the ring, several of those covering the contest mentioned his loose skin, the bulges of fat at his waist. In short, he didn't look the part of a tight skinned, muscular tiger as did his opponent, Norton.

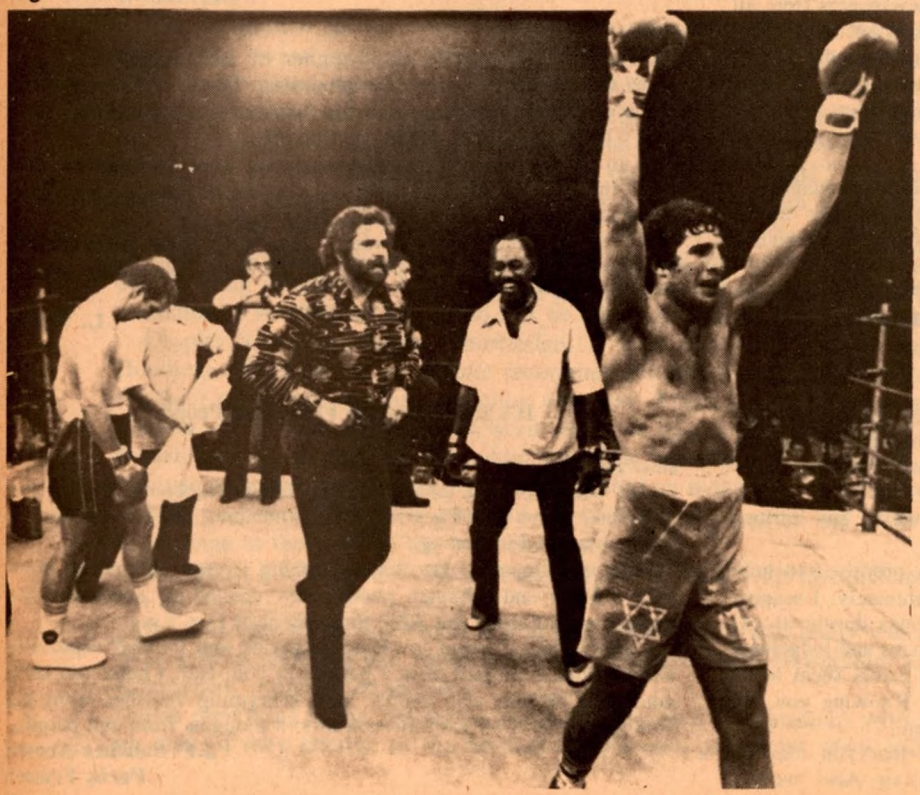
In the short period that the fight was operative it was apparent that Bobick, a noted slow starter, was looking his man over, while Norton, noted as a cautious fighter when he has reason to respect his foe, had no fear of Bobick.

Norton met Duane head on, moved up and down a few times, and then lightly jabbed to Bobick's body as he came down to a half crouch. Bobick came down, following Ken, and walked right into a short right uppercut that landed on Duane's wind pipe. Norton followed his man back into Bobick's own corner where he belabored him with a flurry of lefts and rights to the body, and then once again Ken slid down into a crouch and once again Bobick made the mistake of following Norton down, and Ken laced a beauty of an overhand right to a point near the temple of Bobick's head. Duane staggered. Two more rights and Bobick was down. He barely beat the ten count and referee Della indicated that the fight was to continue, but then Bobick wobbled as he took a few broken steps. The referee wrapped his arms around him and moved his hands to indicate the contest was over.

Bobick had been rated number one by both the WBA and WBC and fifth by The Ring magazine. It will take the 25-year-old Bowlus, Minneosta, youngster a long and hard road to climb back into such positions of eminence. It is true he entered the fight as a 2 to1 underdog, but he had many backers who gave him a better than even chance to win.

The Bobick rooters pointed to the fact that Duane had knocked out Chuck Wepner in six rounds and it took Ali 15 to do the same. They also were quick to make note of his 38 straight victories without a loss to mar his record. And they would say that some of his opponents were fair tests, naming Larry Middleton, Scott LeDoux, Bunny Johnson and Young Sanford. . .all guys fight buffs have heard about. And don't forget, Duane had 32 knockouts, his adherents were quick to point out.

Light heavyweight Mike Rossman, Turnersville, N.J., walks away from a dejected Mike Quarry after Quarry's brother, Jerry, asked referee Arthur Mercante to halt the proceedings in round six.



Duane's followers made some fair points, but the big problem was just how good a punch he could take; how durable was the Bobick who had never been knocked off his feet before the Norton reverse? The answer is now in. Duane doesn't take any power crunching blows with impunity and is not the tiger so many wishful thinkers were expecting.

The one point in his favor is that at 25, he is still young, and the punch to his throat, a lucky shot, could have momentarily disabled him so as to make him vulnerable for the Norton right hands which temporarily ended his position as a contender.

Bobick climbed into the ring weighing 215½ pounds and he looked much fatter than did Norton with 222¾ pounds spread over his 31-year-old frame. Norton looked like a tiger and Bobick a friendly pussy cat.

I sat next to Norton the night before the fight. The venue was the New York Downtown Athletic Club, and the event was the Boxing Writers Dinner. Down the line of the dais sat Duane Bobick, laughing, amiable and his usual friendly self. Next to me sat Norton, a scowling, unfriendly, muttering, on edge and ANGRY man who only wanted: "to get the hell out of here." In fact, it was no place for either fighter the night before a bout. But they were there and each gave a preview of the following night.

Bobick, easy going, and Norton, the mean guy who was going to show them all and get another shot at Ali.

Some 9726 fans were at the Garden, paying approximately $250,000 at the live gate. NBC television picked up the majority of the tab that had Bobick receiving $300,000 for his endeavors while Norton took home $500,000 for his share. The estimates of video watchers went as high as 42 million, which would have been "heaven sent" for NBC except that with only 58 seconds most advertisers bought a big empty sack with few of the viewers around after the main event.

Bob Biron and Norton now want another crack at Ali, but those close to Ali state that he wants no part of Norton if he can help it. Ali has said that Norton should now fight Jimmy Young and that then he (Ali) would fight the winner.

"At 35 I'm getting a little old to fight both of them to prove to the fans who is the best." Norton, at 31, feels he is getting a little old, too, and would rather not be pushed into a match with Young as an elimination in order to meet Ali.

In the long run it will be television or other money, and the money alone, which will dictate who will get the next crack at the heavyweight championship.

At the moment there is a new "Mr. Moneybags" on the scene in the person of a businessman in conditioning, Ben Thompson of California, who was attempting to put together a $15,000,000 fight between Ali, to get 12 million, and an unknown opponent scheduled to take place in September or October in Rio de Janeiro. Thompson wanted Jimmy Young for Ali, but that fell through, and it looks as if he would now like to sign up Norton. Ali's manager stated that Thompson had already blown it all by missing the date for $900,000, a payment to Ali that was never received.

According to reports, Don King, who put on the Ali fight with Alfredo Evangelista in Landover, Maryland. is also supposed to have a crack at Ali's next defense.

The Norton people have also been talking to Mike Burke, president of Madison Square Garden, and Bob Arum, the top wheel at Top Rank. Burke's comments at this writing are that he and the Garden would be happy to promote a meeting between Norton and Young, a second meeting between Young and Ali, or a fourth meeting between Ali and Norton.

To help his charge along Bob Biron sent telegrams to the WBA and WBC to insist that they immediately put into effect the rule that a champion must fight the number one challenger within a year and that the time should start "now."

Eddie Futch, one time trainer for Ken Norton and current Bobick trainer said that when he was training Norton be brought Jimmy Young in as a sparring partner for Ken. "I rarely allowed Young to go more than two rounds with Kenny because he gave Norton fits. I think Young would beat Norton now."

The semi final event, one of the first in boxing history to be schedule for 11 rounds, but went six. Mike Rossman wore the Star of David on his blue and white trunks. He moved up the ranks as a light heavyweight contender with 18 knockouts in 30 contests when he mounted an offensive in the sixth round that had Mike

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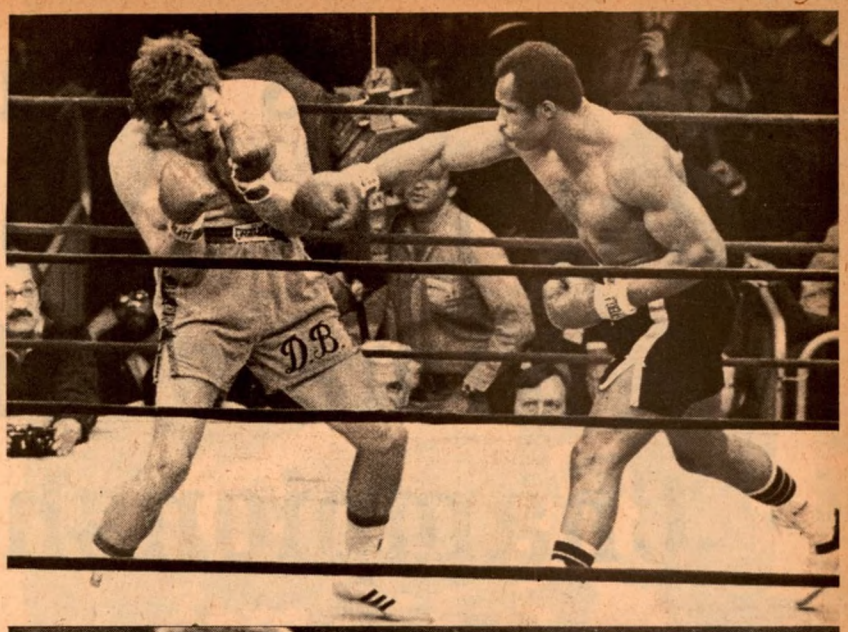
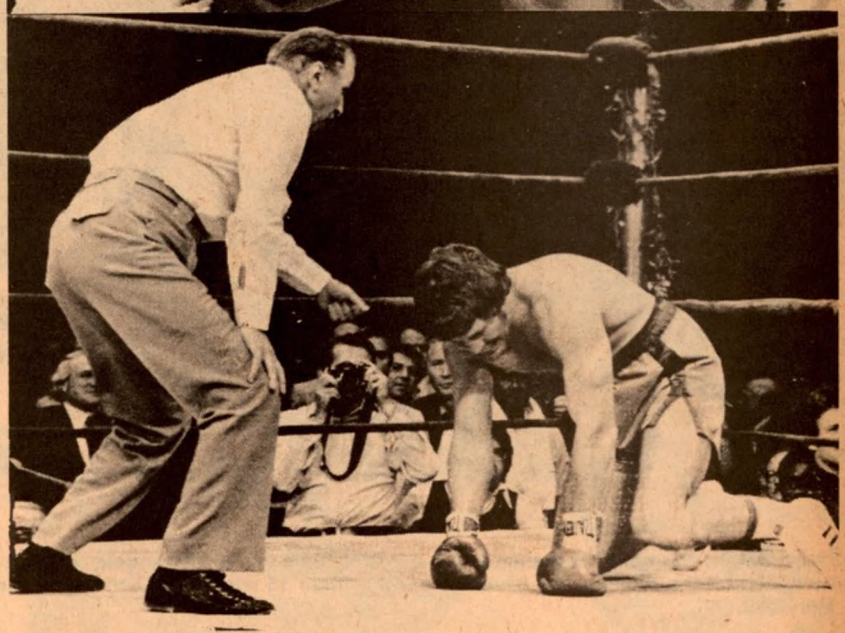
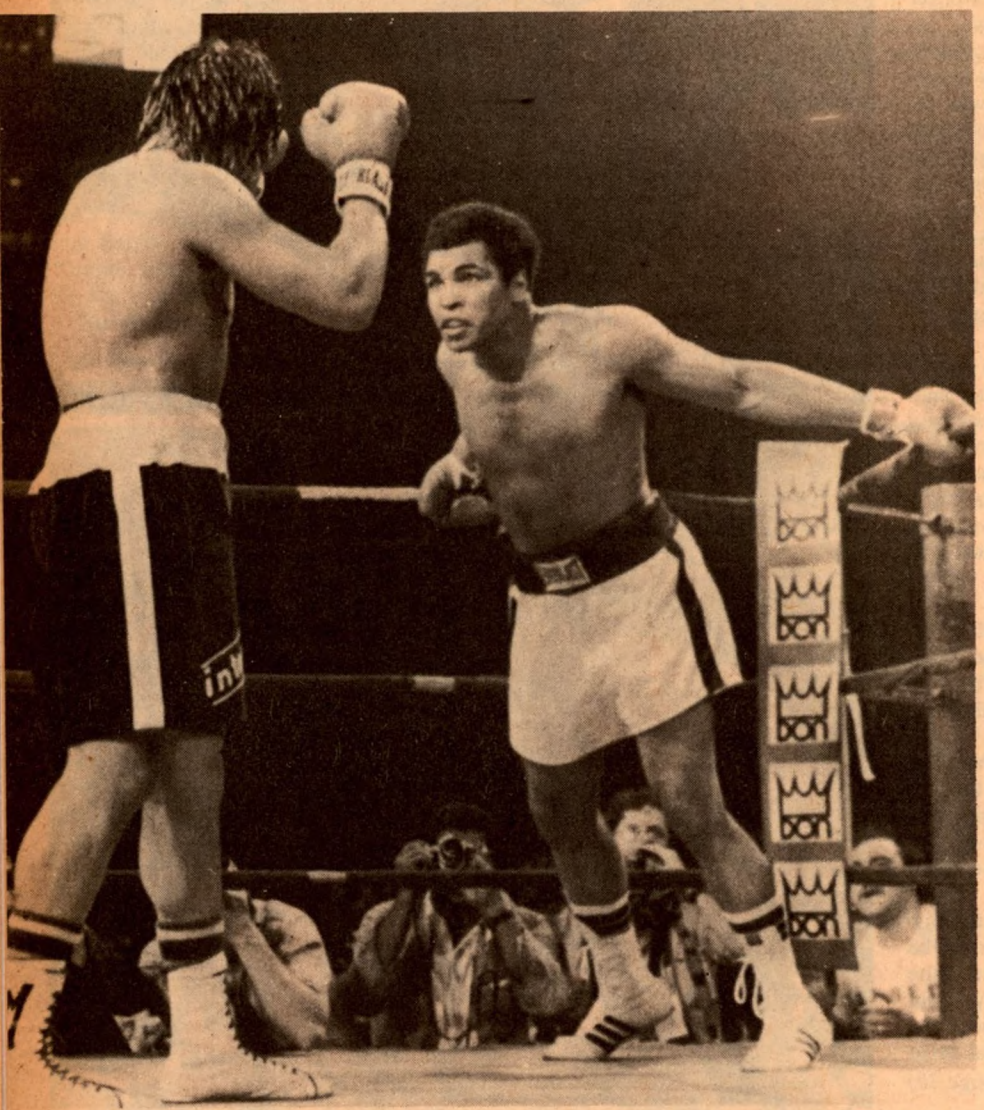




Heavyweight Duane Bobick, being counted a out at :58 of round one in the bottom right photo, never got started. Ken Norton tore into him and finished him off, top two photos.

Ali Beats Evangelista, But Loses to Father Time on Triple Championship Card



Heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali dares Spain's Alfredo Evangelista to hit him as he hangs off the ropes in the seventh round of their 15 round title-contest in Landover, Maryland.

By JOHN ORT

LANDOVER, Maryland—Father time caught up with Muhammad Ali in the Capital Centre when little known Alfredo Evangelista, Spain, forced the world heavyweight king to go the full 15 rounds in defense of his crown.

Ali, 221, won the fight hands down, by the way that he boxed all night. Alfredo, 22, 209½, tried like a "son-of-a-gun," but just does not have what it takes at this time in his career to beat a world class heavyweight.

Muhammad, at 35, looked more like 45 as the bout went on. He moved around the ring well, but then Alfredo didn't land anything to slow him down. Most people think that Ali carries a man like Evangelista, but maybe he's just doing a con job on the public!

If Duane Bobick had some smart people behind him, he might have had a good chance at beating an Ali, or at worst losing a duke to him, instead of being killed in 58 seconds by Ken Norton.

It looks now like the next heavyweight champion will come out of the following group: Ken Norton, Jimmy Young, Earnie Shavers, Larry Holmes, or Alfio Righetti.

Ali wants Young to box Norton, and he'll fight the winner. That's good thinking on his part, this eliminates one of the two men who could beat him. Look for Don King to get together with Bob Arum on this one, if it should happen.

Madison Sq. Garden would like Ali to box their new hope, Earnie Shavers, Warren, Ohio. Shavers, who once was manged by rival promoter Don King, does stand a better chance of beating Ali than Evangelista. For a few rounds Earnie would have a chance to land the big punch, but if the fight were to go beyond five rounds, Shavers would lose

heart and the bout, if his past bouts are any indication.

The Garden brought Earnie to New York in 1972, and he boxed only two rounds in two bouts. He kayoed Jimmy Ellis in one, June 18, and was himself kayoed in one by Jerry Quarry on December 14. He became popular with the Garden again early in 1976 when they were looking for a heavyweight to throw into the title picutre against Don King.

Since his defeat at the hands of Quarry, Shavers has engaged in 11 bouts, winning 8, losing 2 and drawing once. He beat such stars as Rochel Norris, Leon Shaw, Cookie Wallace, Oliver Wright, and let's not forget Tommy Howard. Earnie had some fair wins: Henry Clark, twice and Roy Williams. He was kayoed by Ron Lyle, lost to Bob Stallings and drew with Jimmy Young, who, by the way, he kayoed in one round back in 1973. Shavers' last bout was a kayo win over Howard Smith in Las Vegas.

The other side of the coin is Don King's promotion. He would like to make Larry Holmes-Ali. Holmes is an undefeated heavyweight who beat Oliver Wright, Don Branch, Leon Shaw and Roy Williams. This year he beat Tom Prater in the US Championships and later Horace Robinson. His biggest wins come over Rodney Bobick, Jerry Judge, Obie English and Charlie James. Over-all Shavers boxed the better names early in his career. As of late they both have been boxing the same run of the mill heavyweights.

Holmes' chance of beating an Ali is a little less then Shavers' if you go by punching power. If (the biggest little word in the world) Larry puts the pressure on an Ali he could outpoint him, a trick that Shavers could not pull off.

A longshot in the race to battle Ali is Italy's Alfio Righetti. He was mentioned earlier this year and was bypassed for Evangelista by the W.B.C. This bout would take place in either Rome or New Jersey. Although not ranked at press time in anyone's ratings, Righetti may appear in the near future. This year he has scored two wins, both 12 round nods over fellow countrymen Dante Cane and Mario Baruzzi. Other big wins over his four year career: Benito Penna, Bepi Ros, Frankie Evans and Cookie Wallace.

In either case these men stand a not better than even chance, while Norton or Young could pull off an upset and beat the champ.

The fight itself was nothing short of dull. Likewise could be said of the Roberto Duran decision over Javier Muniz. The W.B.C. junior lightweight championship bout between Alfredo Escalera and Carlos Becerril was the highlight of the evening. Also on the card, Philadelphia's Tyrone Everett kayoed Mexico Delfino Rodriguez.

Ali danced all night as the Bull from Spain attempted to land some punches. Muhammad won the first four rounds without working up a sweat. He boxed and jabbed his way,

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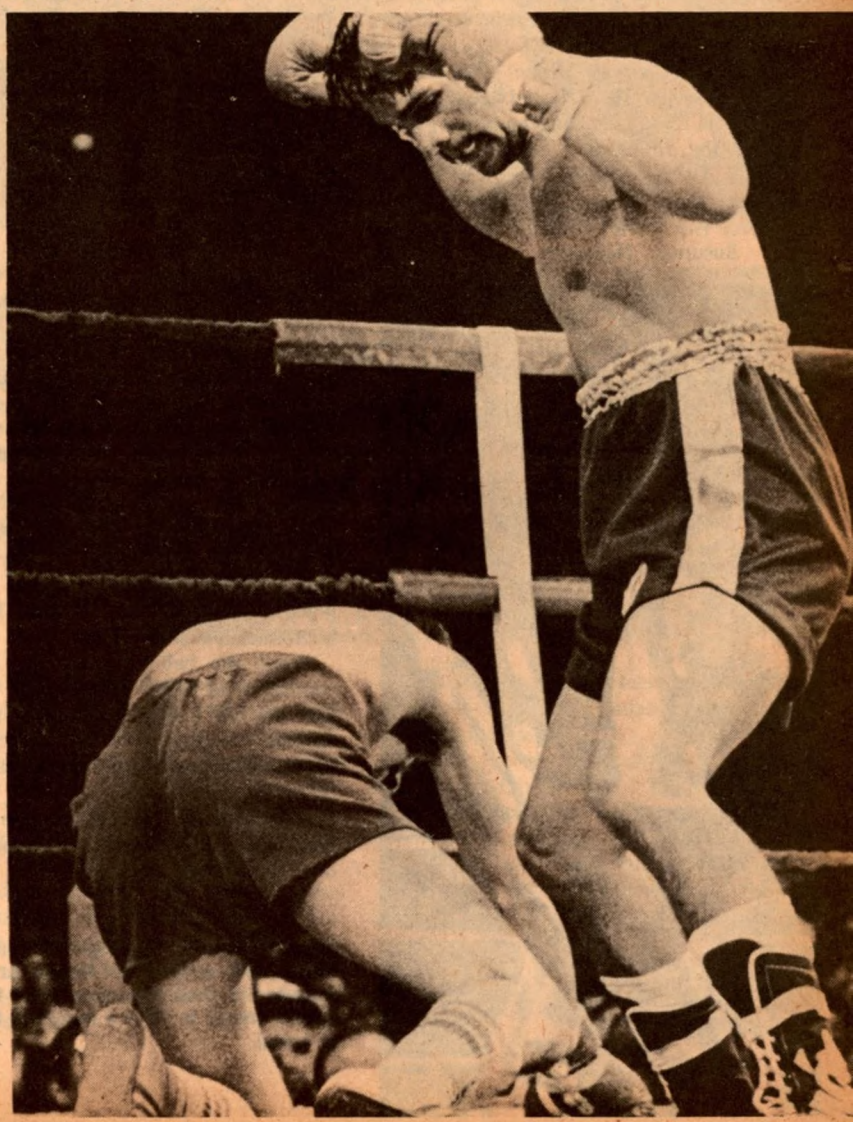
(Above) WBC Jr. lightweight king Alfredo Escalera, Puerto Rico, knocks out Carlos Becerril, Los Angeles, in the eighth round to retain his title. Becerril was a tougher opponent than it was thought he would be. (Below) In a dull non-title fight, Panama's Roberto Duran stands over Los Angeles' Javier for an eight-count in round one. Duran won via decision.



Canto, Estaba, and Espadas Retain Titles

By RON TEGART

Gutty Espadas, right, WBA fly king, TKO'd Alfonso Lopez in round 13.

CARACAS, VENEZUELA was the site of two championship bouts. World flyweight king Miguel Canto, Mexico, beat local Reyes Arnal, and hometowner Luis Estaba held on to his W.B.C. junior flyweight title. The other flyweight king, Gutty Espadas, Mexico, retained his W.B.A. title in Merida, Mexico, halting Panamanian Alfonso Lopez.

Canto, from Merida, made his seventh defense of his world crown when he outpointed Reyes Arnal over 15 rounds. It was Canto all the way. This was Miguel's second defense in Caracas. He defeated local Betulio Gonzalez in 15 rounds, on October 3, 1976. He won the title from Shoji Oguma on January 8, 1975, in Sendai, Japan.

Miguel has defended against Betulio Gonzalez, twice, Jiro Takada, Ignacion Espinal, Susumu Hanagata, and Orlando Javierto.

(Right) World flyweight champ Miguel Canto, left, outpointed Reyes Arnal over 15 rounds in their Caracas title fight. (Left) Canto drives in with a long left to the head of Arnal.

The other title bout in Caracas featured 37-year-old Luis Estaba, Venezuela, who outpointed Panama's Rafael Pedroza in 15 rounds, for the W.B.C. junior flyweight title.

It was also Estaba's seventh title defense since he won the title from Paraguayan Rafael Lobera in September 1975.

Pedroza was undefeated in 13 bouts before this loss.

The champion weighed in at 107, Rafael, 107¾. The decision was unanimous.

W.B.A. flyweight king Gutty Espadas retained his title via a TKO over Alfonso Lopez, Panama, in Merida, Mexico.

The bout was a wild affair with Lopez, he boxer, coming alive from the seventh round on to gain control of the bout. Espadas, the heavy puncher, won the first five rounds landing some heavy shots to the face of Lopez. Alfonso was cut over both eyes before his big round, the 12th.

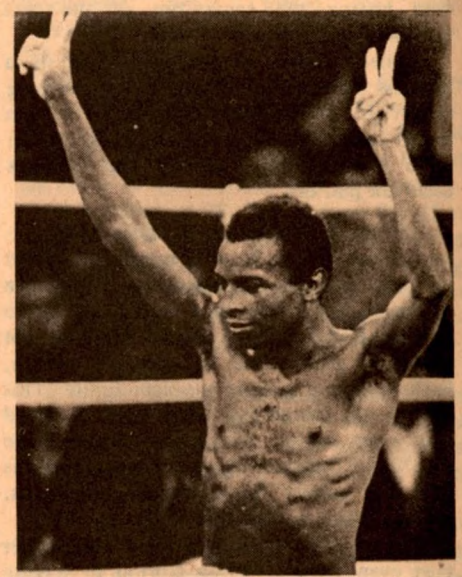
Going into the 12th the fight was up for grabs. Lopez came out and gave it everything he had. He sprang to life and scored blows to the head and body of the champ, who looked very tired. Gutty, living up to his name, lasted the round.

When the bell rang for the 13th it was another wild fight. Gutty came out for the kill. He hit Lopez at will for the next 90 seconds (the last 10 of that Lopez stood with his hands down) before the referee halted the bout.

This was the second time the two have met, and both ended with Espadas winning on a 13th round kayo.

Early this year Gutty stopped Japan's Jiro Takada in his only other defense of the crown.

A note: both flyweight kings, Espadas and Canto, call Merida, Mexico. home.



Luis "Lumumba" Estaba, Venezuela, who beat Rafael Pedroza, Panama, over 15.

Two Top Bantams Clash in Non-Title Go--Zarate KO's Zamora

By DON FRASER

INGLEWOOD, California—The world's two best bantamweights—Carlos Zarate and Alfonso Zamora—finally had their long awaited showdown.

The result was a convincingly one sided triumph for Zarate, the World Boxing Council bantam chieftain, at the Forum before 13,700 frenzied fans.

At 1:11 of the fourth round, Zamora's corner officially conceded defeat by throwing in the towel as the World Boxing Association titleholder was flat on his back.

Because the contest was scheduled for 10 rounds, there was not title at stake, but those on hand left praising Zarate as one of the greatest to ever hold the 118 pound crown.

The 25-year-old winner said he wants to go after two more championships—the Super bantam title, recognized by the WBC, and the featherweight championship held by the WBC's Danny Lopez.

As was predicted, the fight started with both tossing their best punches. Zamora seemed to have an edge in the first round—which was interrupted—when a dazed fan jumped into the ring. Referee Dic Steele quickly halted the fight and waited until the Inglewood Police escorted the man out.

Action resumed and when the bell sounded Zamora had landed the harder blows.

Zarate took over in the second and picked Zamora's defense apart. The short man, Alfonso, tried to end it with one big punch, but the WBC champion kept landing with devastating left hooks.

As the third got under way, again it was Zarate in charge. Late in the round, he dropped Zamora with a short right to the chin.

(Above) WBA bantam king Alfonso Zamora connects with a hard right to the head of WBC champ Carlos Zarate, both from Mexico. (Right) Zamora tries to back away ffrom a Zarate right. Carlos caught up with him at 1:11 of round four to finish the bout.

Zamora fought back, but was catching three punches for every one he could land. The start of the fourth saw Zamora down again from a series of left-right combinations. The 21-year-old Zamora, with 28 consecutive wins, was then finished off with an attack from Zarate at the 1:11 mark.

It was Alfonso Zamora, Sr., who whipped the towel into the ring, then he charged Arturo (Cuyo) Hernandez, the manager of Zarate.

Both threw punches before the police separated the pair.

There have been bad feelings between the two ever since Hernandez sold Zamora's contract 18 months ago.

Zarate's record now reads 47 wins, no losses and 46 KO's.

Zamora returned to Mexico with 28 wins, 28 knockouts and one loss.

Weights: Zarate, 119, Alfonso, 119¾.

The fight, held in the afternoon, attracted a live gate of $357,440—third largest in the history of the Forum.

Roberto (Kid) Ruvaldino, 119½, Reynosa, Mexico, who will probably be after Zarate's

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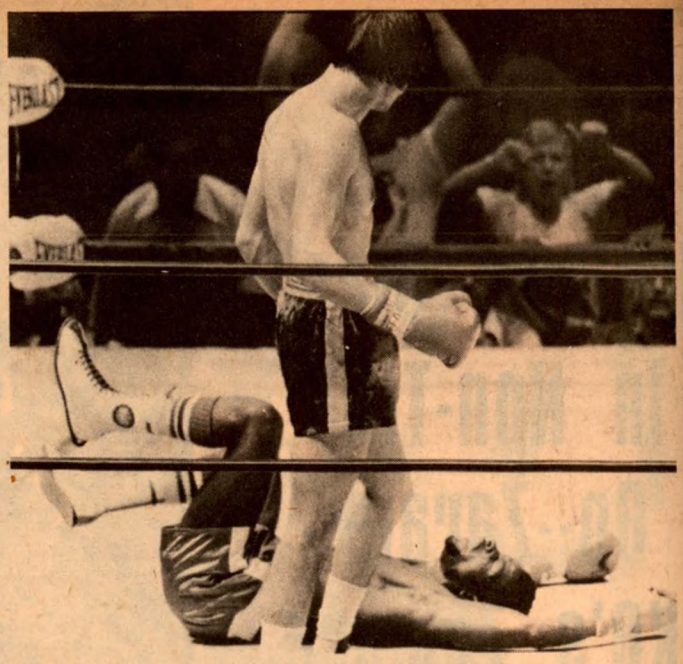
RANZANY KO's FINCH IN FIVE



Welterweight Pete Ranzany, Sacramento, California, stands over Bruce Finch, Milwaukee, after Finch was sent to the canvas for the second time in round five. Finch resumed fighting, but the ref stopped the bout.

By DON FRASER

SAN FRANCISCO, California—Making his first appearance in the bay area, Sacramento's Pete Ranzany stopped Bruce Finch of Milwaukee in the fifth round of their scheduled ten rounder at the Civic Auditorium.

Ranzany received a cut under his left eye in the fourth round, which prompted him to speed up the action. He pounded Finch into the ropes and was landing at will when referee Verne Bybee declared Pete the winner with just one second left in the fifth.

For the Capital City welterweight it was his 31st win against just one loss. It was Finch's first setback in 15 starts. Ranzany weighed 148, Finch, 147.

The show was promoted by Babe Griffin, and attracted 1,364 fans who paid $10,928.

Other results: Johnny Jensen, 127, Los Angeles, KO'd Menin Vega, 128, Mexico, (8); Tony Fernandez, 115, Redwood City, won a decision over Enrique Estrada, 113, San Francisco, (6); Dave Plisko, 205, Sacramento, KO'd Bill Baker, 278, Oakland, (5).

Olympians Keep Rolling—Spinks Brothers, Leonard Win

By JOHN ORT

SUGAR Ray Leonard, Mike and Leon Spinks all brought home victories recently; Leonard, in Baltimore, and the Spinks boys, in St. Louis. All were on National T.V.

Leonard won his second bout in as many starts with a six round decision over Allentown, Pennsylvania's, junior welterweight, Willie Rodriguez. Willie had a 10-1 record going into this contest. Leonard, who boxes only for A.B.C. T.V., won every round in his bout with Rodriguez. There were no knockdowns, but referee Terry Moore gave Rodriguez a standing eight count in the third round.

Rodriguez was not all that bad; he stayed in there and scored with wild left hooks to the head of Sugar Ray, but this only brought out the killer in Leonard, who then opened up with flurries to take the plan away from Rodriguez.

Leonard reportedly earned $40,000 for a six round bout. A.B.C. must have money to burn to pay that much for a six round fighter in only his second pro bout.

While on the other T.V. front, C.B.S.'s answer to A.B.C.'s Leonard, the Spinks boys, both won in St. Louis.

Leon had a heavyweight named Pedro Agosta, the so-called Puerto Rican heavyweight champion. You last saw Pedro on the deck a number times last January against George Foreman. Pedro did go four with George and only one with Leon. Could it be that Foreman softened him up a little?

Brother Mike, boxing as a light heavyweight, won a decision over six rounds from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania's, Luis Rodriguez.

(Above) Sugar Ray Leonard, right, beat Jr. welter Willie Rodriguez over six. (Right) Leon Spinks joyfully leaps on manager Mit Barnes after his KO over heavyweight Pedro Agosto in round one.

New York's Johnny Hayes, left, beat Chicago's Roosevelt Green in the 156 pound class at Madison Square Garden. This is the 34th time Chicago and New York amateur teams have squared off against one another.

N.Y. AND CHICAGO AMATEURS EXHIBIT TOP ACTION

By SAM TAUB

A turnout of 13,151 fistic buffs watched the renewal of the long standing feud between the New York Daily News and Chicago Tribune, as they met for the 34th time in Madison Square Garden. Many celebs were on hand to watch the action as they saw the locals vanquish their rivals from the Windy City, the final score being 7 to 4 in favor of the New Yorkers.

It was the smaller divisions that carried the New Yorkers to their ultimate triumph. The final score was 7 to 4, as we said, but a couple of dukes that favored the Windy City clan could have swung the score, the two teams were so close. Singularly enough, it was the battlers in the smaller divisions that brought the triumph to Gotham. Although the series had been broken for several years, the interest was as great as ever.

As usual, the fans who turned out for this affair were even more rabid than the ordinary amateur buffs, and they even raised as much bedlam as the money boys do.

These intercity bouts have produced many hectic get togethers, and the itense rivalry between the two cities and their supporters never loses its tempo. It was the same at this one, albeit it was apparent early, after the New Yorkers got going, that the lads from the Midwest were not going to make it. They tried hard, but were not able to cope with the New Yorkers' attack, albeit the big fellows finally came through. Remember some of our best pro champions, fellows like Muhammad Ali, Barney Ross, Lou Salica, et al., were products of these annual get-togethers.

Interest grew from the time the spotlight was thrown on the principals in the opening bout which featured a pair of lively 105 scrappers. The principals were Miguel Rosario, from the Castle Hill Athletic Club, a 17-year-old, and Andrew Jekiel, a 16-year-old sophomore at the Foreman High School. This was a dilly of a battle, with the New Yorker getting the award.

The local admirers had further reason to gloat when Paul DeVorce, from the Police Athletic League, Yonkers, who is 21, clashed with 16-year-old Ronald Cliffored, a resident of Hickory Hills, Illinois, in the 112 pound title affair. DeVorce, a veteran at these intercity get-togethers, gave his man quite a going over, including several knockdowns, to make it two in a row for the Easterners.

In the third scrimmage of the night, another harem-scarum affair, saw the Westerners break the ice when Wayne Laynum, a resident

Chicago's Wayne Lynumn, left, won a split decision over New York's Joseph Nieto in their 119 pound Intercity bout.

of Chicago, was given the duke over Joseph Nieto, a member of the Bronx Police Athletic League. This was one of those affairs that could have been given to either man, and many in the crowd dissented with the verdict.

As the evening progressed, the crowd became more excited. The action was pleasing, although several fo the visiting performers seemed not quite in the same class as their New York rivals. This was evidenced when the next fight of the evening, a scrap between Stevens Price, from New York, a 19-year-old resident of Brooklyn, stopped his man, Kenneth Daniels, a 23-year-old Chicagoan, in their 125 pound match, Referee Paul Konnor calling it off after 2:34 of the second round. The Westerner was completely outclassed.

Another bout was stopped following this one when Referee Loring Baker halted the scrap between Raymond Johnson, from Manhattan, and Karim Muhammad, 17-year-old Windy Cityite, with Johnson the winner.

This was followed by another fight halted by the arbiter, when Pedro Vilella, a native of Arecibo, Puerto Rico, was declared

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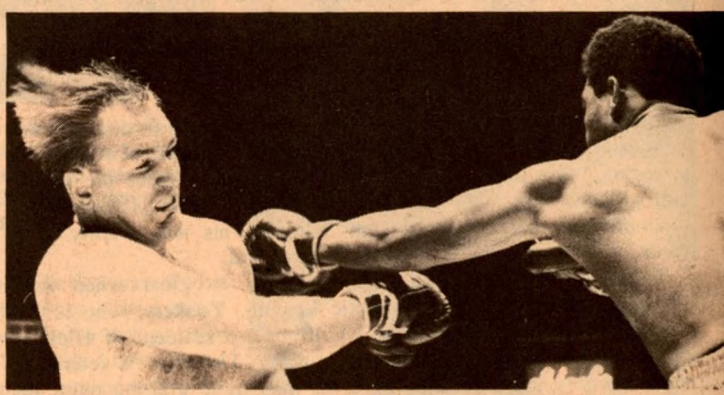
PHOTO ESSAY:
A GEORGE FOREMAN RETROSPECTIVE

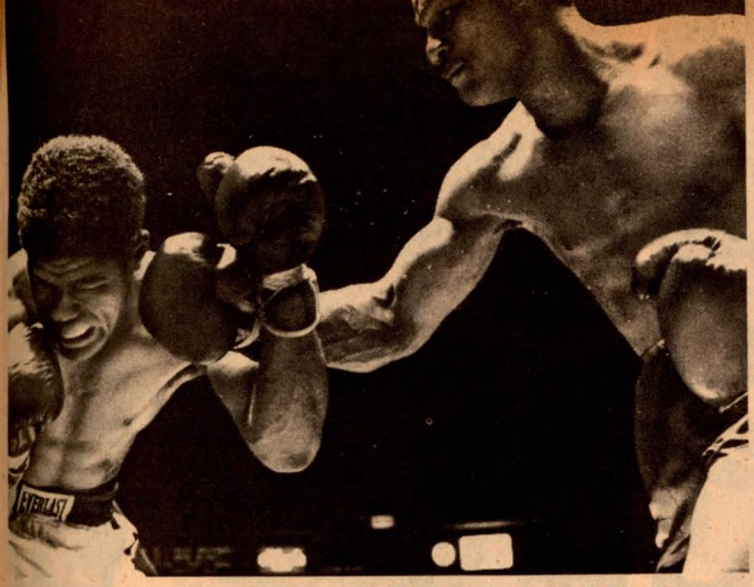
AFTER A PRO CAREER OF 46 BOUTS, INCLUDING 41 KO's AND ONLY TWO LOSSES, FOREMAN HAS ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT. WILL IT STICK?

Heavyweight George Foreman, Marshall, Texas, former Olympic Gold Medal winner and world champion, has been an enigma to boxing experts and fans alike.

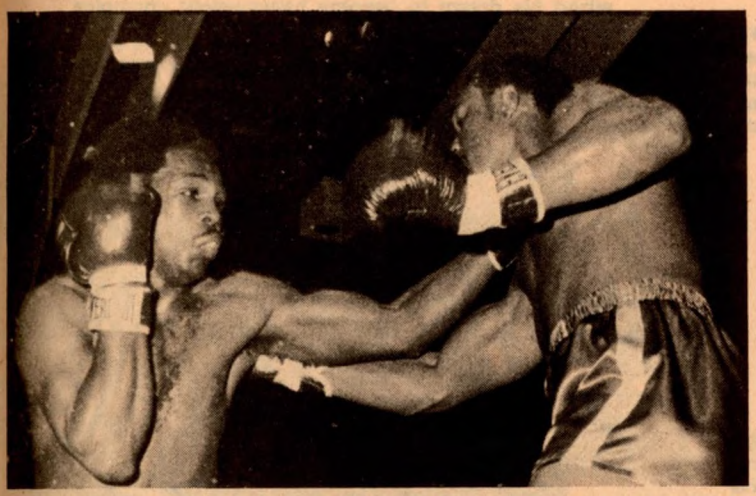
A hopeful Foreman leaves the Parks Job Corps Center for his try-out for the 1968 U.S. Olympic boxing team. George's first bout had been on January 26, 1967, in the Parks Diamond Belt Tournament.



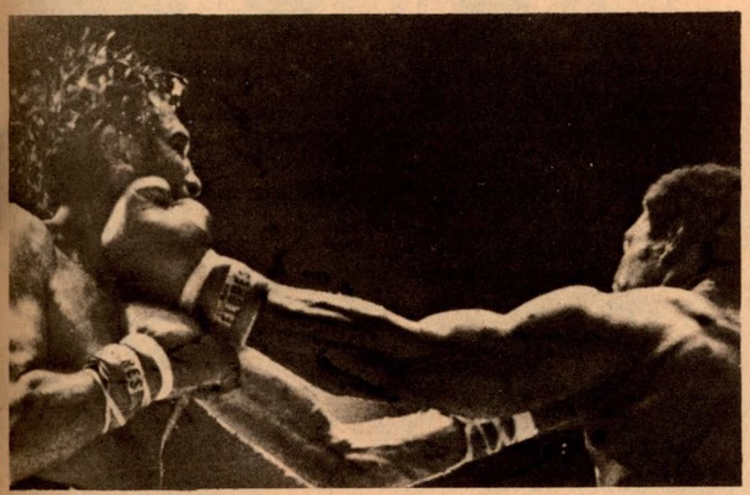
(Left) The Olympic Gold Medal winner returns to Washington, D.C., in 1969 to try to help save the Job Corps. (Above) In his fourth pro fight, Foreman, right, KO'd Chuck Wepner in a neat three rounds in New York. The date was August 18, 1969.



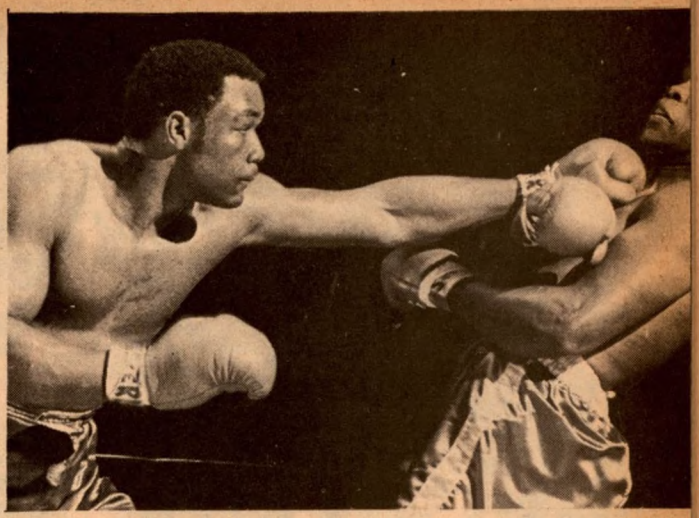
George's eighth pro fight, on October 31, 1969, against Peruvian Roberto Davila, in New York, marked the first time Foreman, right, had to go the distance. He did, and took the eight round decision.



James J. Woody, left, and Foreman trade blows in the course of their scheduled 10-rounder in New York on April 17, 1970. Foreman won a TKO victory at :37 of round three.



Foreman chalks up two more KO's against Gregorio Peralta (above left), of Argentina, and Victor Scott (right) in 10 rounds and one round, respectively. The Peralta fight took place on May 10, 1971, in Oakland, California, and Scott, on September 14, 1971, in El Paso, Texas.



After being knocked down three times in the first round Rufus Brassell, right, was KO'd at 2:42 on March 31, 1970, in Houston, Texas.

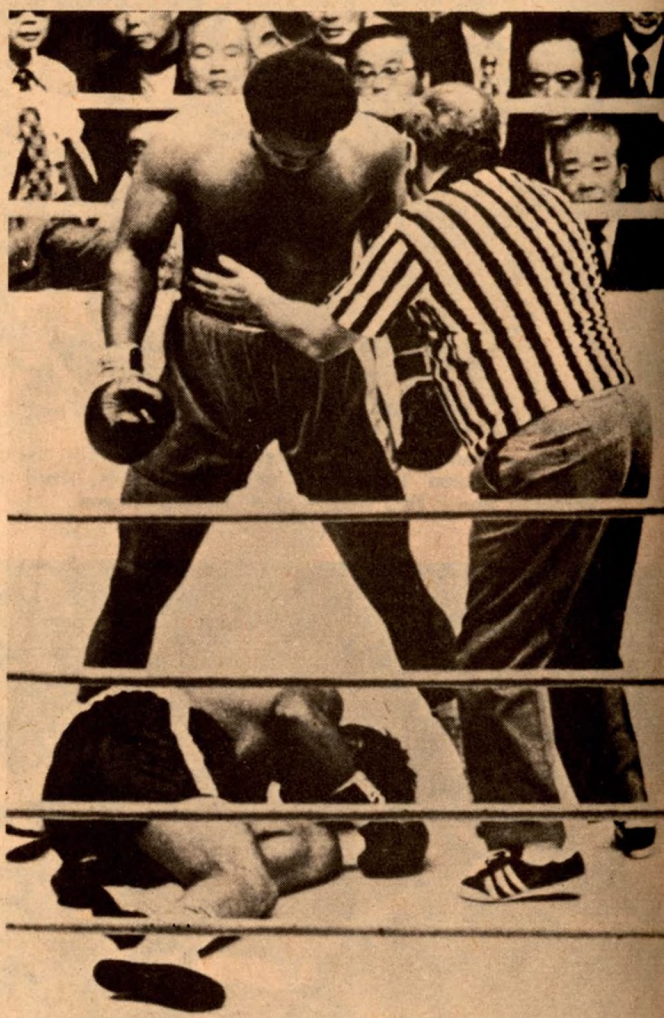
Referee Arthur Mercante leaps in to stop the fight between George Foreman, left, and George Chuvalo in the third round of their August 4, 1970, bout at Madison Square Garden. Chuvalo was Canadian heavyweight champ at the time.

May 11, 1972, Oakland, California, and Foreman, left, scored KO number 33 against Argentine veteran Miguel Paez in the second round.

Then champion Joe Frazier is on his way to the canvas in round two of the Kingston, Jamaica, title-bout, January 22, 1973. With this KO, Foreman realized his dream to become heavyweight champion of the world.

(Left) Nat Loubet, Editor and Publisher of Ring, presents Foreman with the Ring championship belt.

(Right) Jose "king" Roman, Puerto Rico, is out cold in round one of Foreman's first title defense, on September 1, 1973, Tokyo.

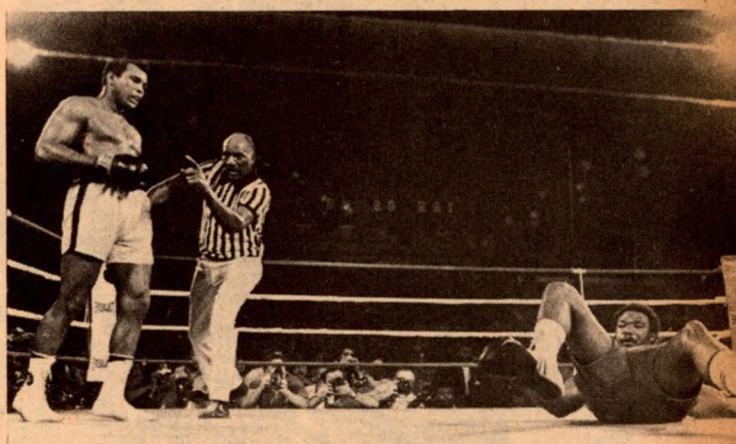


In February 1973 George made his television debut on a Bob Hope special. Here, Hope, right, and Foreman clown for the cameras.

There goes another one, as challenger Ken Norton heads toward the deck in round two of the Caracas title-fight, March 26, 1974.

Ali, covering a Foreman fight as a TV commentator, has a few words with George before the bout.

Former champions Joe Louis, center, and Archie Moore, right, have some advice for George prior to the fateful Kinshasa fight.

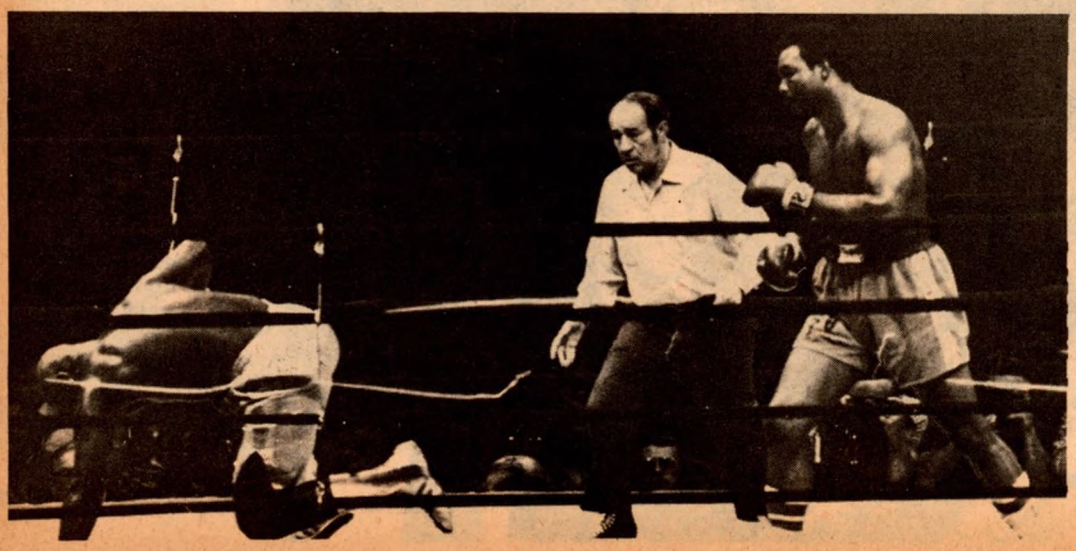


A stunned George Foreman hits the deck and is counted out in round eight as Muhammad Ali waits in a neutral corner. Ali became the second heavyweight in boxing history to win the world title for a second time with the Kinshasa, Zaire, bout, October 30, 1974.

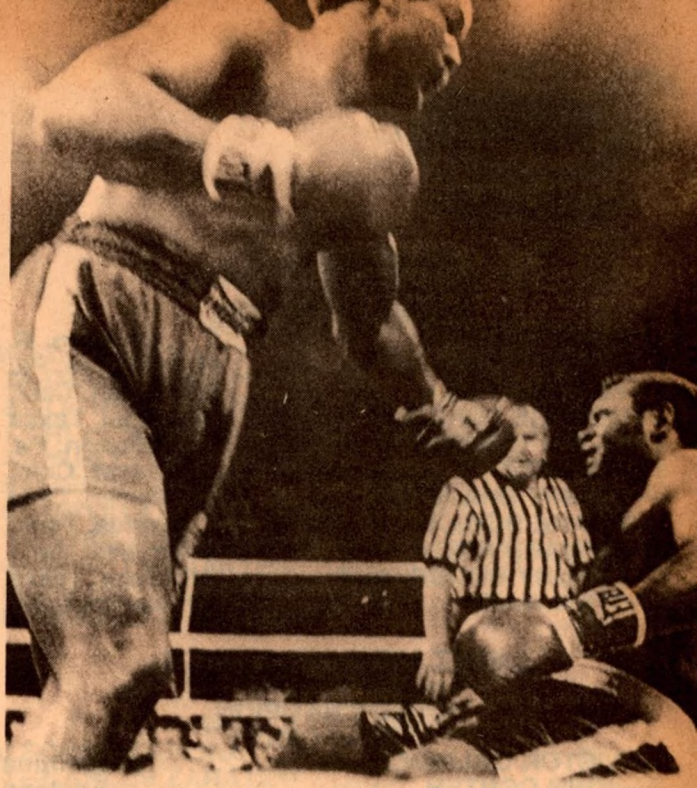
In his first outing on April 26, 1975, in Toronto, after losing his title, Foreman, left, fought an exhibition against five men on the same night. From right to left: Mac Foster, Pedro Agosto, who were replaced by Charlie Polite and Jerry Judge, Boone Kirkman and Terry Daniels. Alonzo Johnson was the fifth.

(Left) Big George tenderly holds his then 17-month-old daughter, Michi. (Above) George and his wife of two years, Adrienne, await the outcome of their divorce suit in May 1973.

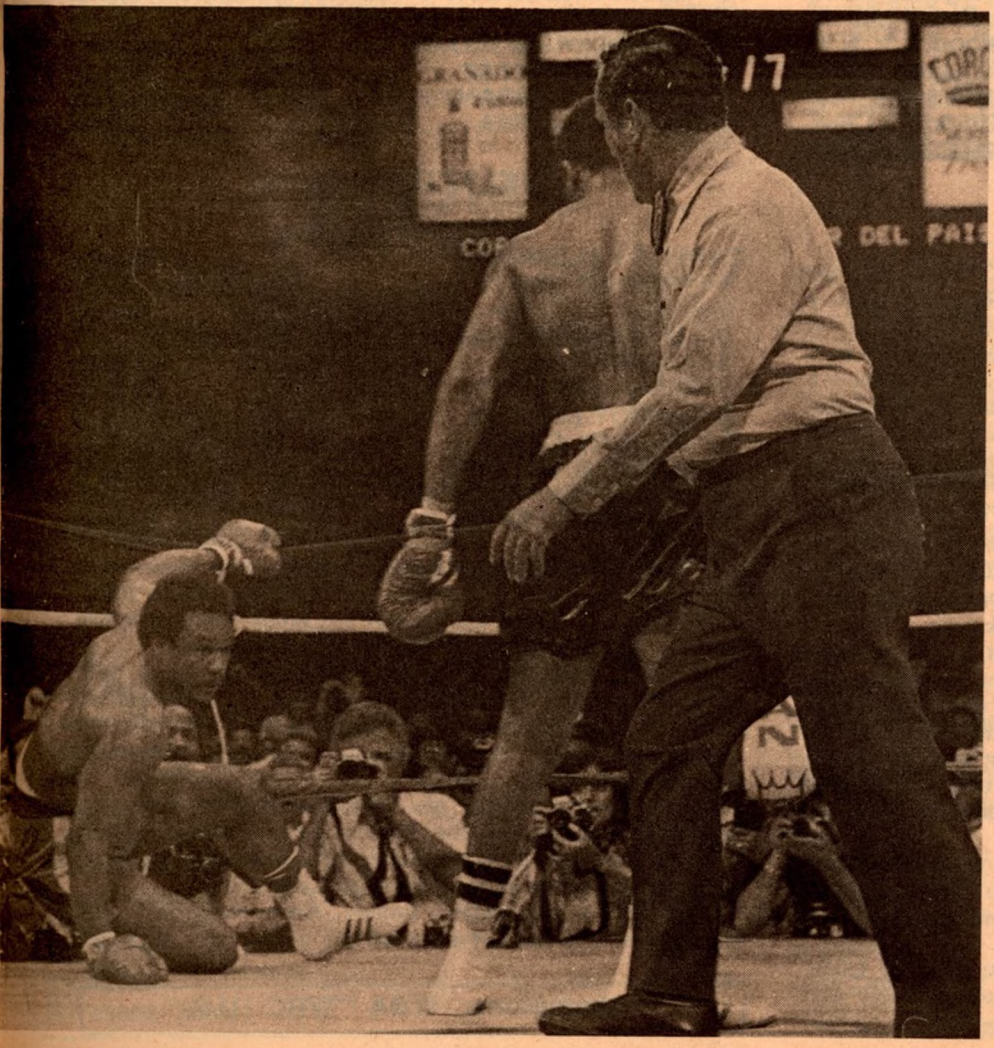
(Above) Trainer Gil Clancy and Foreman pause before a workout at Caesars Palace prior to the Ron Lyle bout in Las Vegas, January 24, 1976. (Right) George took out Lyle, right, in round four, but not until Foreman had been to the canvas two times in the same round.



"Smokin' " Joe Frazier goes down in round five of his fight with Foreman on June 15, 1976 in Uniondale, N.Y. Moments after Frazier got up he was again decked, and referee Harold Valan stopped the bout.



John "Dino" Dennis (above left) and Pedro Agosto (on mat, to right) both were victims of George's powerful fists, with Dennis being taken out in round four, October 15, 1976, Hollywood, Florida, and Agosto, in round four, January 22, 1977, Pensacola Florida.



(Left) March 28, 1977, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Underdog Jimmy Young stands over Foreman as he gets off the deck. The wily Young won the decision over 12 rounds. (Above) Foreman talks to the press upon announcing his retirement from boxing after his disappointing performance against Jimmy Young; however, experts think the probability of Foreman's returning to the ring is pretty high.

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
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1—JIMMY YOUNG ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
2—KEN NORTON ..... San Diego, Calif.
3—GEORGE FOREMAN ..... Marshall, Texas
4—LARRY HOLMES ..... Easton, Pa.
5—RON LYLE ..... Denver, Colo.
6—EARNIE SHAVERS ..... Warren, Ohio
7—DUANE BOBICK ..... Bowlus, Minn.
8—HOWARD SMITH ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9—JOHNNY BOUDREAUX ..... Houston, Texas
10—STAN WARD ..... Sacramento, Calif.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—VICTOR GALINDEZ* ..... Argentina
2—JOHN CONTEH ..... England
3—RICHIE KATES ..... Brighton, N.J.
4—MIGUEL CUELLO** ..... Argentina
5—JESSE BURNETT ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6—LEN HUTCHINS ..... Detroit, Mich.
7—BOBBY CASSIDY ..... Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.
8—VONZELL JOHNSON ..... Kalamazoo, Mich.
9—MIKE ROSSMAN ..... Turnersville, N.J.
10—ALVARO LOPEZ ..... Stockton, Calif.

KEN NORTON FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

KEN NORTON won this month's award with his 58 second kayo over formerly undefeated heavyweight Duane Bobick at Madison Sq. Garden. Norton moved from no-3 to 2. Duane drops to the no. 7 spot. Lyle and Shavers move due to Bobick's dip.

Miguel Cuello won the W.B.C. vacant light heavy crown by stopping Jesse Burnett. Cuello moves up to the no-4 place and Burnett drops to 5. Mike Rossman moves up one spot from 10 to 9, with his win over Mike Quarry. Alvaro Lopez drops from 8 to 10, as he was halted by Lonnie Bennett, who cannot make the top ten due to wins by both Cuello and Rossman with only Jesse Burnett housing a loss which was insufficient to dish him out of the ratings.

Junior middleweights Maurice Hope remains number two with his 15 round nod over Frank Wissenbach, E.B.U. titleholder. Frank falls from sixth to seventh. Alvin Anderson moves up to fifth with a win over Bill Goodwin.

Jr. welter Hector Thompson was upset in Australia by Laurie Austin. Thompson falls from four to seven. Austin not only won the Commonwealth title, but breaks into the no-6 spot in the ratings. Rudy Hernandez, upset by Jimmy Heair, drops from five to eight. Heair's record of two defeats by Weston and Freddie Harris, keeps him out of the top ten. Mamby and Brooks move up to four and five, due to the dropping of Thompson and Hernandez.

Antonio Guinaldo, Spain, breaks into the ten spot in the lightweight division with a win over Giancarlo Usai. Giancarlo won one and lost one over the rating period, remaining No-9.

Junior lightweight Ezequiel Sanchez exchanges places with Blakeney Matthews for his win.

Korea's Yum Dong-Kyun was kayoed by Wildredo Gomez for the W.B.C. super bantam title. Kyun drops from second to fourth in the featherweight division. Gomez remains number two in the bantamweights behind W.B.C. champion Carlos Zarate.

Other wins in the feathers: Jiminez, Kotey move up to fifth and sixth as Jofre and Cervantes fall due to inactivity. Hernandez

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MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS MONZON ..... Argentina
1—MIKE COLBERT ..... Portland, Ore.
2—RODRIGO VALDES ..... Colombia
3—DAVID LOVE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4—BENNIE BRISCOE ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5—VITO ANTUOFERMO ..... Italy
6—RON HARRIS ..... Akron, Ohio
7—ALAN MINTER ..... England
8—BOBBY WATTS ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
9—CASEY GACIC ..... Cleveland
10—ROCKY MOSLEY, JR. ..... Las Vegas, Nev.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

EDDIE GAZO* ..... Nicaragua
1—ECKHARD DAGGE** ..... Germany
2—MAURICE HOPE ..... England
3—ELISHA OBED ..... Nassau, Bahamas
4—MIGUEL ANGEL CASTELLINI ..... Argentina
5—ALVIN ANDERSON ..... Baltimore, Md.
6—JOSE DURAN ..... Spain
7—FRANK WISSENBACH ..... Germany
8—JOEL BONNETAZ ..... France
9—MIGUEL CAMPANINO ..... Argentina
10—KOICHI WAJIMA ..... Japan

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS PALOMINO** ..... Mexico
1—PETE RANZANY ..... Sacramento, Calif.
2—JOSE CUEVAS* ..... Mexico
3—ARMANDO MUNIZ ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4—CLYDE GRAY ..... Canada
5—JOHN STRACEY ..... England
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JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO BENITEZ ..... Puerto Rico
1—SHENGSAK MUANGSURIN** ..... Thailand
2—ANTONIO CERVANTES ..... Colombia
3—DAVID GREEN ..... England
4—SAOUL MAMBY ..... New York, N.Y.
5—MONROE BROOKS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6—LAURIE AUSTIN ..... Australia
7—HECTOR THOMPSON ..... Australia
8—RUDY HERNANDEZ ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9—MIGUEL MONTILLA ..... Dominican Rep.
10—TONY PETRONELLI ..... Brockton, Mass.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROBERTO DURAN* ..... Panama
1—ESTEBAN DeJESUS** ..... Puerto Rico
2—EDWIN VIRUET ..... Puerto Rico
3—VICENTE SALDIVAR ..... Mexico
4—VILOMAR FERNANDEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
5—PERICO FERNANDEZ ..... Spain
6—HECTOR MEDINA ..... Dominican Rep.
7—JOSUE MARQUEZ ..... Puerto Rico
8—HUGO BARRAZA ..... Colombia
9—GIANCARLO USAI ..... Italy
10—ANTONIO GUINALDO ..... Spain

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SAMUEL SERRANO* ..... Puerto Rico
1—ALFREDO ESCALERA** ..... Puerto Rico
2—TYRONE EVERETT ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3—WALTER SEELEY ..... Sayville, N.Y.
4—RAFAEL LIMON ..... Mexico
5—BEN VILLAFLOR ..... Philippines
6—APOLLO YOSHIO ..... Japan
7—EZEQUIEL SANCHEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
8—BLAKENEY MATTHEWS ..... South Africa
9—ROY HERNANDEZ ..... Corpus Christi, Texas
10—SIGFREDO RODRIGUEZ ..... Mexico

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ALEXIS ARGUELLO ..... Nicaragua
1—DANNY LOPEZ** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
2—LIONEL HERNANDEZ ..... Venezuela
3—RUBEN CASTILLO ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
4—YUM DONG-KYUN ..... South Korea
5—PEDRO JIMINEZ ..... Spain
6—DAVID KOTEY POISON ..... Ghana
7—EDER JOFRE ..... Brazil
8—JOSE CERVANTES ..... Colombia
9—RAFAEL ORTEGA* ..... Panama
10—RODOLFO MARTINEZ ..... Mexico

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ALFONSO ZAMORA* ..... Mexico
1—CARLOS ZARATE** ..... Mexico
2—WILFREDO GOMEZ ..... Puerto Rico
3—EUSEBIO PEDROZA ..... Panama
4—RAUL TIRADA ..... Mexico
5—FRANK DUARTE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6—ROBERT RUVALDINO ..... Mexico
7—SEAN O'GRADY ..... Oklahoma City, Okla.
8—PADDY MAGUIRE ..... Ireland
9—FRANCO ZURLO ..... Italy
10—SULLY SHITTU ..... Ghana

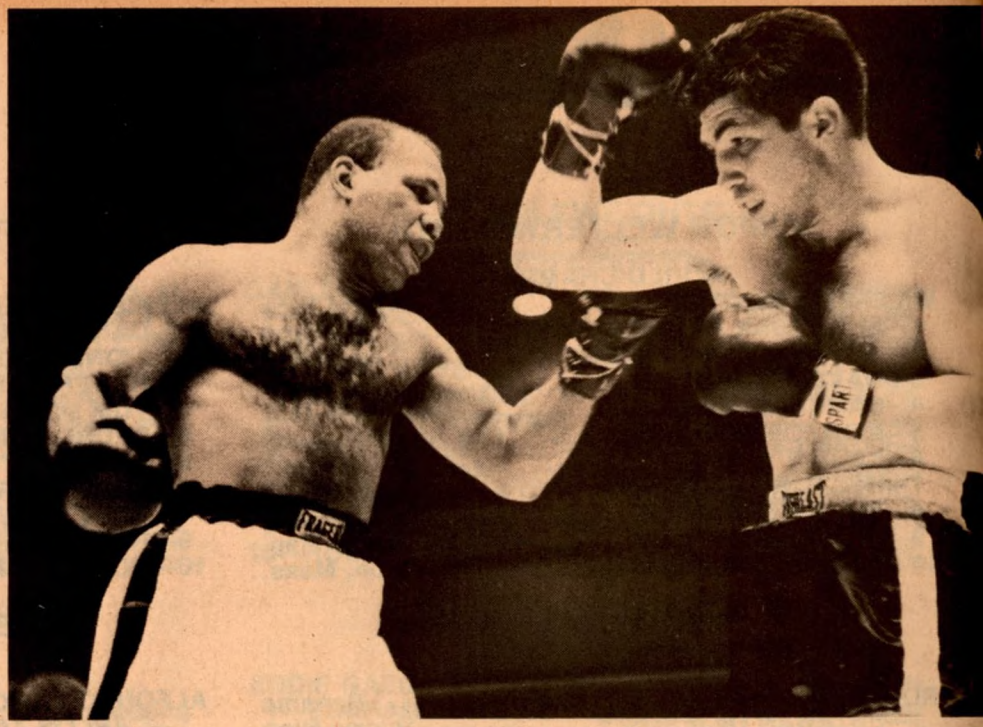
FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MIGUEL CANTO** ..... Mexico
1—GUTTY ESPADAS* ..... Mexico
2—YOKO GUSHIKEN ..... Japan
3—LUIS ESTABE ..... Venezuela
4—JORGE LUJAN ..... Panama
5—JUAN GUSMAN ..... Dominican Rep.
6—ALFONSO LOPEZ ..... Panama
7—BETULIO GONZALEZ ..... Mexico
8—JUAN ALVAREZ ..... Mexico
9—AL SANDOVAL ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—PATRICK MAMBREWE ..... Zambia

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

NAMES	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
George Chaplin, Baltimore, Md.	6/76	5	5	0	0	4
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Rocky Estefire, New York, N.Y.	12/75	9	8	0	1	6
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Ernie Singletary, Philadelphia, Pa.	11/74	6	6	0	0	2
WELTERWEIGHT						
Kid Polack, Minneapolis, Minn.	5/76	6	6	0	0	3

NAME	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Gonzalo Montellano, Los Angeles, Calif.	1/76	11	11	0	0	7
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Francesco Musolino, Italy	2/74	13	9	1	3	1
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Leopoldo Fries, Dominican Rep.	12/76	4	4	0	0	4
FLYWEIGHT						
Jose Luis Garcia, Galveston, Texas	12/76	4	3	1	0	2



(Left) Joe DeNucci today, as a freshman Democratic State Representative from Newton, Massachusetts. (Above) Denucci, right, back in April 1960, is seen in second round action against middleweight Ralph "Tiger" Jones. Jones won the decision from the 20-year-old DeNucci.

The Joe DeNucci Success Story--Boxer Turns State Representative

By BOB CUBIE

LIKE most ex-fighters Joe DeNucci is bothered by his image. You know, the movie image. The wise-guy, dead-end kid from "Somebody Up There Likes Me," the punchy vegetable from "On The Waterfront," or the neighborhood buffoon from "Rocky."

When you're a bartender or an insurance salesman an image like that is merely an irritant, but when you're in Joe DeNucci's business, it's a definite liability.

DeNucci, you see, is a politician. Joe is freshman Democratic State Representative from Newton, Massachusetts, and in politics the image is everything.

"When I initially put my name up for nomination, my biggest fear was that people would stereotype me," said DeNucci, as he sat across the table in Room 40 at the Massachusetts State House in Boston.

"We've all seen those 'Body And Soul' type movies of the '40's and '50's. It's been planted in people's minds that all fighters start out as wise guys and end up punchy."

DeNucci is neither. He's a lively man with a quick smile and the ability to make you feel at home. He was dressed conservatively in a dark blue suit, a light blue shirt and dark blue tie. His heavy black hair was neatly cut and combed straight back. His diction was clear and grammatical, his eyes bright and his thoughts clear and well-organized.

It is easy to see why the new legislators had elected him president of the freshman class.

The only evidence that he had fought over 100 fights, including eight appearance on Gillete's Friday Night at the Fights, was the flattened nose and heavy eye brows of the professional fighter.

DeNucci overcame the stereotype the only way he could. He says, "I went knocking on doors. I wanted to show the people that all fighters aren't the same, that we're individuals with different things to offer.

"I didn't get fancy. I just stressed my background in government and the fact that I'd be a full-time legislator. The fact that I'd been a fighter helped, too. Everybody in town knew me as Joe DeNucci the fighter."

DeNucci grew up in Newton, a suburb of Boston. His father, Sandy, had fought under the name of Dan Alexander back in the '30's, and used to teach boxing at the Newton YMCA. "They felt Italians couldn't win close decisions back then," Joe said with a wry smile.

Joe grew up in a middle class working neighborhood and went to Newton High. He was a good student, it came easily to him, but he never studied much. He was always too busy with sports. He played football and baseball his freshman and sophomore years, but when he won the New England AAU and Golden Gloves middleweight titles, he decided to get serious about fighting.

When he was a 17-year-old senior at Newton High School he had his first professional fights. "I used a doctored birth certificate," he said.

As a professional he had a 72-12 record, fighting men like Joey Giardello and Ralph "Tiger" Jones. Against world middleweight champion Emile Griffith, DeNucci lost two split decisions.

He felt his big break came, though, when then Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives John F. Thompson, came to watch him fight one night. "He was a fan," said DeNucci, "and after the fight he came down to the dressing room and asked if I'd

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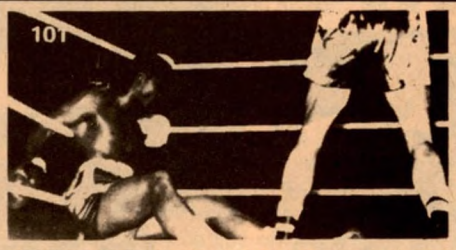

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FREDDIE "THE STEPPER" HARRIS MOVES ALONG

By BILL McINTYRE

YELLOW ring lights applied a dull finish to the slick sweat on the ebony biceps of professional fighter Freddie Harris. His elbows were tucked tightly against his rib cage as, with gloves bobbing and weaving between wide shoulders, he stepped into the heavy bag and unleashed a tattoo of crisp inside punches against an imaginary opponent.

"Ungh," he snorted as his breath rose and fell in syncopation to the barrage of left and right hooks he kept throwing into the bag inside Bossier City's Madie Boxing Club.

Joe "Pops" King, native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and a kindly gentleman in his 70's who once managed middleweight contender George Black in what was half a lifetime ago, peered over his spectacles at the best known professional fist fighter in Shreveport-Bossier City. "His knockouts," said Joe, "they've come mostly on right hands, but he's got a beautiful left hook." Harris's left hook thudded into the bag, again and again. "No, I don't aim my left hook," gasped Freddie. "It's when the head is setting right, you know?"

Freddie "The Stepper" Harris is a pugilistic paradox in what is called the Ark-La-Tex. He comes from an area that spits out class amateurs of international prominence, like 1972 Olympic Games bantamweight Tim Dement and current 118-pound standout Butch Smith. More than 8,000 spectators turned out for a recent international amateur program between the touring Russians and Americans at Hirsch Coliseum.

Yet Freddie the Stepper is an unknown in his own hometown, despite a pro record of 14-and-5. Only three of his 19 bouts have been fought in Louisiana, only two in Shreveport.

Still, there are many who ask, "Who is Freddie 'The Stepper' Harris?" Even the nom de guerre isn't original. The name used to belong to amateur stablemate James Wallace, a welterweight. "It was on his robe," says Harris of his tag, The Stepper. "I bought it (the robe) for $8 and a fifth of Smirnoff vodka. I liked the color of it, and the name. When I first went up to Chicago they started called me 'Stepper.' At first I didn't know who they were talking about. . ."

Lightweight Freddie "The Stepper" Harris figures he'll be ready for a shot at Duran in another year. (Left) The Stepper gets some advice from manager Joe King. Freddie, from Shreveport-Bossier City, has come a long way since his amateur days.

Freddie first came to widespread attention in Chicago. Prior to that period, early 1975, he had crossed the line from amateur to professional. Mainly because he was undistinguished as an amateur with a record of 2-and-5. There were extenuating circumstances. He couldn't fight. When he first started slinging leather in 1973, his attack consisted of one wild roundhouse swing after another. All from the balcony. He kept throwing himself out of the ring. His punches came by Mailgram.

It didn't help, either, that he kept climbing in with stickout amateurs like former U.S. Air Force champion Steve Dement, older brother of Tim, and veteran Don Modicue of West Monroe. "When I first started out, there was Sugar Ray Marshall, you know," reflects Freddie, who grew up in nearby Haughton, home base for the fighting family of J.D. Marshall, a heavyweight who once battled Roy Harris and Cleveland Williams back when the late Earl Gilliam was promoting in Tyler, Texas.

"My uncle, Anderson Harris, got me interested in boxing," continues Freddie. "He's younger than I am. He's now 20. He said he was beating up on people at the gym and I said, 'If he is, why not me?' I found out all he was doing was standing by the side of the gym."

Freddie, now a solidly-built 5-foot-3¾ and 136 pounds, played some football in high school despite his lack of dimensions and his family took to labelling him, "Freddie the Green Frog." His first amateur bout was against a cousin, Donald Ray Bell. "I

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Ron Lyle Says, "Norton's Dodging Me"

By DICK KENNEDY

"I'm not taking anything away from Ken Norton, but he would never take me out telegraphing that right overhand hook all the way from the nickel seats," Ron Lyle said following the Norton, Duane Bobick fight.

Lyle went on to say that he would like to fight Norton. "I've been chasing him for about two years now and he has been dodging me," Lyle said. "Norton is one of the few heavyweights ranked in the top ten who I haven't met," Lyle continued.

A match between Lyle and Norton had been scheduled for February until Madison Square Garden backed out of its contract with Lyle and scheduled the Norton-Bobick fight. Lyle pointed out that when a network buys a fight package, it expects good entertainment for its audience. This seldom happens when the fighters are not evenly matched. "Had the original contract between Lyle and Norton been fulfilled, everyone would have seen a good show and been happy," Lyle said.

Lyle felt that Norton should meet his obligation to fight him before he looks for anyone else. "I can understand that Norton wants another crack at the title, however, will the public buy a fourth Ali, Norton fight when Norton hasn't earned a victory over a puncher of my calibre?" Lyle asked.

"Besides, what's to become of Jimmy Young, who also had a controversial bout with Ali? At least Young wasn't afraid to face me," Lyle concluded.

Heavyweight Ron Lyle indicates that he's the number one contender. With him is trainer-adviser Sam Boardman.

Since Lyle's victory over Joe Bugner in March, his popularity has jumped by leaps and bounds, both regionally and nationally. He spends an average of 10 hours a week filling personal appearance requests. The question that invariably comes up is "When will Ron Lyle and Ken Norton fight?"

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FREDDIE HARRIS

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couldn't hardly hit him," remembers Freddie. "His arms were too long and he bloodied my nose and cut my lips." After a 2-and-5 record, "Pops told me if I was going against the best as an amateur I might as well fight the best in the pros."

The Stepper, who laughs often and shows a toothless grin when not wearing his mouthpiece, picked up his first paycheck in January of 1975 when he dropped a four-round decision to Kevin Porter in Milwaukee. But he was learning now to stop telegraphing his punches. A month later he was back in Milwaukee and pounded out a six-round verdict over veteran Tom Tarantino. A quick trip out West and a six-round duke over Tim Miller in Sacremento. Back to Chicago in May and an eight-round loss to full-blown welter Tim Adams. There was a 10-pound difference between Adams and Harris.

Stepper was picking up momentum. A one-shot righthanded uppercut starched classy Bobby Crawford in the third round of a July 1975 match in Chicago. The same town in September, and a fourth round knockout of Indianapolis veteran Marion Thomas.

Back to Chicago in September and a decision over 10th ranked junior welter George Anderson from St. Paul. Stepper was a crowd-pleaser. He'd stick his tongue out at opponents, wiggle his backside. He escorted Anderson to his corner between rounds, dusted off his stool and told his cornermen, "Take good care of him, I'll see him in the next round."

Next to go down to defeat in Chicago was Bobby Orr. Finally, in April of 1976, Stepper "came home" and polished off highly regarded prospect Scotty Foreman in New Orleans. Foreman was unable to answer the bell for the third round. "Going off, it's all right, but there's no place like home," said Stepper. "Up there, don't hardly nobody know you." It didn't help, either, that the only sparring partners King could dig up were out of his weight class—heavyweight Lynn Ball, middleweight Ronald Lee and Louisiana Golden Gloves 1977 welterweight titleholder Vic Burns.

Next came the two "hometown" wins over Tovar and Quillens. Against the latter, Freddie won handily, but clowned excessively. Pops King told him to get serious. He did, and in late August of '76 lost a disputed decision to Cleveland's Don Pettigrew in Flint, Michigan.

So King brought the Stepper back to the neighborhood. Last November he beat Little Rock's Shannon Williams in Marshall, Texas. That same month he beat Beaumont's Tom Pinner in Fort Worth. Then came a win over Robert Tijernia in Cowtown. He has lost two of his last four starts, dropping a ten-round decision to Mexico City's Pedro Flores in San Antonio after having a bottom tooth driven into his gum as early as the fourth round; outpunching Santone's Joe Medrano in a tenner at Houston on February 28th; outgunning Little Rock's James Pixly in a five-rounder at Marshall on March 6th and dropping a close six-round verdict to unbeaten Steve Homan in Kansas City on March 18.

Stepper proved a crowd-pleaser again in Kansas City, but lost by a couple of points to Homan. He also lost by two points to Flores. "Freddie just can't cope with a southpaw," figures King.

"I'm gonna be with Pop 'till the day they put me six feet under," says 22-year-old Freddie Harris. "I do whatever Pop wants me to do. Well, not always. He wants me to eat steak, but I'd rather eat a Cooper Road steak. . .that's a baloney sandwich."

The Stepper recently watched Howard Davis, the Olympian, win his third fight on television. He figures he's a much sharper fighter than Davis. In fact, the Stepper expects that he's little more than a year away from a crack at Roberto Duran.

NORTON SHORT CIRCUITS BOBICK

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Quarry's Brother, Jerry, ask the referee Arthur Mercante to halt the proceedings to prevent Mike from receiving further punishment. Mike had received a cut under his right eye in round one that later needed seven stitches. He also had a good sized mouse under his left eye by the ending. 19-year-old Turnersville, N.J.'s, Rossman was slightly ahead on the officials' score cards with one judge having it a 3-3 draw, the other judge having it 4-2 for Rossman and referee Mercante also having it 4-2 for Rossman.

The fight was a close one up to the ending which, according to Jerry Quarry, ends the career of brother Mike at age 26.

"I think that Rossman has the ability to become a champion," said Mike after the fight.

The Rossman camp is now beginning to think of a fight with John Conteh of England, the WBA champion, or Victor Galindez, the WBC titleholder. The Ring holds the title vacant, believing that Conteh and Galindez should meet to decide a world champion. Rossman and other contenders would then have a universally recognized champion to challenge.

Howard Davis, of Glen Cove, Long Island, won his third straight victory in a one-sided six round decision over Carlos Gonzalez of Puerto Rico. The latter was little more than a punching bag for the very fast punching Davis, who was the Olympic Gold Medal winner in the lightweight class before turning to the pro ranks recently. Gonzales now has a 12-5-1 record. Davis, taking a page from Ali's book, proclaimed himself: "the fastest punching fighter who ever lived." He is fast, but Sugar Ray Robinson was not too slow.

In other bouts the undefeated Bernardo Mercado from Colombia won a six round decision over Horace "Big City" Robinson of New York in a fight which could have been stopped with Robinson down twice in round six. If anything was proved, it was that at this stage of his career Mercado showed nothing. A heavyweight bout.

Heavyweight Guy Casale of Brooklyn won a four round decision over Bill Connell of Highlands, N.J.

Middleweight John Lociccero, "Shorty," a New York product, hammered out a KO in 58 seconds of round two over Barry Hill, another New Yorker, who was built like a stringbean and fought like one.

After the main event Lou Esa, a heavyweight from Miami, won a six rounder over Roger Russell of Philadelphia.

WILLIAMS, VALENCIA, McPHERSON, SANCHEZ KO WINNERS

By CHRISTOPHER COATS

San Carlos—It was a good boxing show for the local fans and also the four local fighters who all won by a knockout. In the main event at the Circle Star Theater, middleweight Erwin Williams remained unbeaten by scoring a four round knockout of Ruben Rascon of Douglas, Arizona. The entire show took less than an hour an a half due to all the early round knockouts.

Williams, 160, from Oakland, had everything his way against Rascon, 159, in the scheduled ten rounder. Williams, 9-0, with seven knockouts, used an effective left jab to set Rascon up with hooks and over hand rights. The referee stopped the bout after Rascon was decked by a left hook, got up, and was staggered by a series of blows.

Leonel Valencia, from Redwood City, also remained unbeaten by stopping Elias Rodriguez in the third of a scheduled eight. Valencia, 125, used an assortment of punches to up his record to 5-0. Rodriguez, 126, was determined but could not compete against the over all boxing ability of Valencia, who also was a three time Golden Gloves champion.

In a scheduled six rounder, Greg McPherson, San Jose, continues to be a real crowd pleaser as he scored his third knockout in as many fights. McPherson, 160, socked and dropped Charles Terrell, of San Francisco, in the third. Terrell could not hold McPherson off with his punches.

In the opening bout, Tony Sanchez, Stockton, 134, disposed of Reynaldo Alvares, 135, of Fresno, in the second of a scheduled four.

The show was put together by the Garden City Boxing Club and 520 fans showed up despite the fact that hometown's major league basketball and baseball tems were on television for free. The gross was $2487. The Garden City Boxing Club plans to continue to promote Williams and Valencia as well as California lightweight champ Jose Talamantez in future shows. Williams was recently tabbed prospect of the year by the Pacific Coast Boxing Writer's Association.

BOXING RETURNS TO MANCHESTER, N.H.

By BOBBY FRANKLIN

On Friday night, professional boxing returned to Manchester, New Hampshire, with an all-star boxing show at the John F. Kennedy Coliseum, promoted by Mike Dann, with three 10-rounders and two 6-rounders. In the top 10-round featured bout, undefeated Irish Jimmy Farrell of Rockland, Massachusetts, at 126-pounds, stopped Hilberto Sanchez, 121-pounds of San Juan, Puerto Rico, in 1;19 of the seventh round.

Jimmy Farrell knocked out his foe with a left hook to the kidney, to the glee of a personal cheering section from Rockland.

In the 10-round co-featured bout, Dave Ramalho, 110-pounds of Lowell, Massachusetts, scored a TKO over Ben Ali of New York, who also weight in at 110-pounds, when Ali could not come out for the ninth round in a rugged fight.

In the third 10-rounder, veteran Lowell fighter, Beau Jaynes at 145-pounds, kayoed Jose Curet, 150-pounds of Lawrence, Massachusetts, 2:07 of the third round.

In a 6-rounder, Irish Ray Fallon of Burlington, Massachusetts, at 157-pounds, boxing his first professional fight, scored a kayo over Ed "Spider" Murphy, 154-pounds of Lowell, in 1:36 of the first round. "Spider" Murphy, making a comeback as a middleweight, after four years, was no match for young Ray Fallon. Fallon on the attack every second, dropped Murphy three-times before referee Tony Dupre stopped the one-sided fight.

In the opening 6-rounder, Pee Wee Stokes, 126 pounds, from New York City, who is managed by Lee Black, and fights like a small edition of Joe Frazier, scored a two-round TKO over L.C. Mack, 132-pounds, Long Island City, N.Y., dropping Mack four-times.

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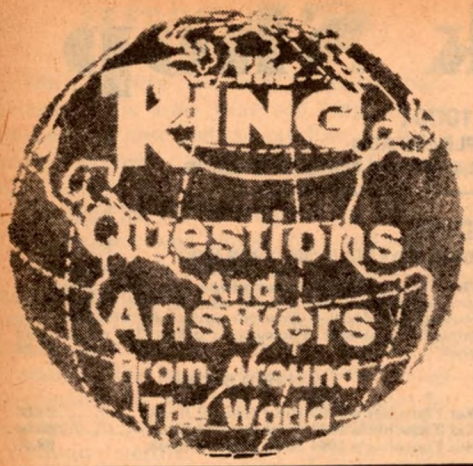

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Q. What physical exercise or training does Muhammad Ali and George Foreman do that other boxers don't do—or do differently? Do all fighters have their own way of physical development? Young people are always claiming that modern athletes are better. Would Marciano, Louis and Dempsey have a hard time if put up against Ali and Foreman?

A. When prepping for a title fight, a program of conditioning is outlined for the athlete. It is spaced over a period of training camp time to bring the fighter to his peak. It includes roadwork, boxing with capable sparring partners daily, working on the small bag for hand speed and the heavy bag for effective punching and shoulder developing. Skipping rope daily and a planned diet is also an important part of the conditioning program. Usually a champion (or challenger) is directed by his trainer to bring him to his peak condition.

A peculiarity of Ali's in training is his habit of shadow boxing in front of a mirror so he can watch his movement and hopefully catch flaws.

A couple of oddities come to mind when discussing Foreman's training regimen. When trying to lose weight, George does his road work in a rubber suit, a la Archie Moore. Foreman has also been known to take his pet lion and dog along for the run.

Comparing the modern athlete with the older performers is strictly a matter of opinion. It would be unfair to pinpoint the outcome of a match between a man-that-was against a man-that-is. We leave that to the feature writers who have seen both sides of the coin.

Q. By whom has Muhammad Ali been beaten in the ring as a professional or champion? Has he ever been beaten by Ken Norton?

Fred G. Salas
Pueblo, Colo.

A. Muhammad Ali lost a 15-round decision to Joe Frazier in a title match on March 8, 1971. He also lost to Ken Norton on March 31, 1973, in a non-title bout in San Diego, California.

Q. I recently saw the movie, "Rocky." During the fight scene, Rocky's eye was cut and he couldn't see. He asked his manager to cut his eye so he could see. The manager took out a razor and cut his eye, and apparently Rocky could see after that. Is it legal for a manager to cut a boxer's eye?

Jim McAteer
Orange, N.J.

A. Under Boxing Commission rules in the United States, there is an attending physician assigned at ringside for the protection of the fighter. It is illegal for a manager to slit a puffed eye. However, it was done in the "dark ages" of the sport when there was no attending physician assigned by the Commission.

Q. When was Abe Attell the featherweight champion of the world? Is he still living?

Thomas Wilson
New York

A. Abe Attell fought George Dixon for the vacant featherweight title twice in 1901. The first was a 20 round draw on October 20, and Attell won the second for the title on October 28 gaining a 15-round decision. Abe was elected to the Boxing Hall of Fame in 1955 and died on February 7, 1970.

Q. I would like to know a few things about Luis Firpo, like when was he born and when did he die. What year did he start fighting and when did he stop fighting. What was his record and who beat him?

A. Luis Angel Firpo was born October 11, 1896, and died of a heart attack in 1960. He started boxing in 1919 and fought for six years before retiring from the ring. He made a comeback in July of 1936 and was knocked out in the third round by Arturo Godoy of Chile. "The Wild Bull of the Pampas," as he was known, became a ring legend after he knocked Jack Dempsey out of the ring in their heavyweight championship bout in 1923. Dempsey climbed or was pushed back into the ring, and he finished Firpo in the second round. Dempsey had knocked Firpo down five times in the first round and twice more in the second. Firpo became a ring immortal through defeat.

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I would like to congratulate you on your magazine's new comic strip "Packy Caruso and Ace Hawkins." I have a bunch of boys that I teach Judo and boxing to, and I feel that a cartoon such as the one mentioned above is what we need today, especially in the sports scene. It shows a black boy and a white boy together as budies with a common interest and cause.

Andrew J. Ashurst
Bethlehem, Pa.

IN REBUTTAL

In reply to the "Punch Lines" letter in your April, 1977 issue from Dante J. Dattoli of Pompano Beach, Florida, I would like to straighten out some facts.

In scorn of Ali, Mr. Dattoli said that Muhammad took the title from 38-year-old Sonny Liston. It is a fact that Liston was born 1932, 1933 or 1934, so the oldest he could have been was 32. Then he said, "Ali has been fighting has-beens ever since." Okay, now Mr. Dattoli was backing up Marciano as the greatest of all time. Let's look at Marciano's big victories: He won the title from 39-year-old Jersey Joe Walcot; defeated 33-year-old Ezzard Charles; kayoed 37-year-old Joe Louis and beat 41-year-old Archie Moore. The truth is, Marciano came along at a time when there were few good contenders around, but plenty of "has-beens."

Todd Hedgepeth,
San Antonio, Texas

HE LIKES OUR STYLE

I've been reading Ring magazine for about a year now. I've tried all other boxing magazines, but I've found Ring to be about the best. I'm 28 years old and have loved boxing since I was a kid. I used to watch the fights on Wednesday and Friday nights with commentary by the great ring announcer, Don Dunphy.

I like how Ring covers all aspects of boxing. I used to hear my father and more recently, my father-in-law, talk about the old time boxers. And every month you always have a story or two covering a boxer of the "good old days." I've never seen them, but your stories do such a good job that I felt like I just watched the fight. I also enjoy seeing the pictures of these fighters because it's so hard to try to visualize what they looked like from just hearing about them or reading about them. Also your coverage of today's fighters all over the world is just fabulous. You hardly hear about the lighter divisions today, but since reading Ring, I've become a young expert on today's fighters. I really have to say I look forward to the next issue every month.

I've just finished reading your annual issue in March Ring. I can't describe how good it really was. I kept reading and couldn't put it down.

I really enjoyed the article by Sam Taub on Lee Oma. To be honest with you, I never heard of him, but by reading the article, I wanted to know more about him.

Please keep up the good work and try harder to get the WBA and the WBC together. Also, I would like to compliment you and Don King on the U.S. Championships. I watch them regularly on TV.

Nick Pellegrino
Queens Village, N.Y.

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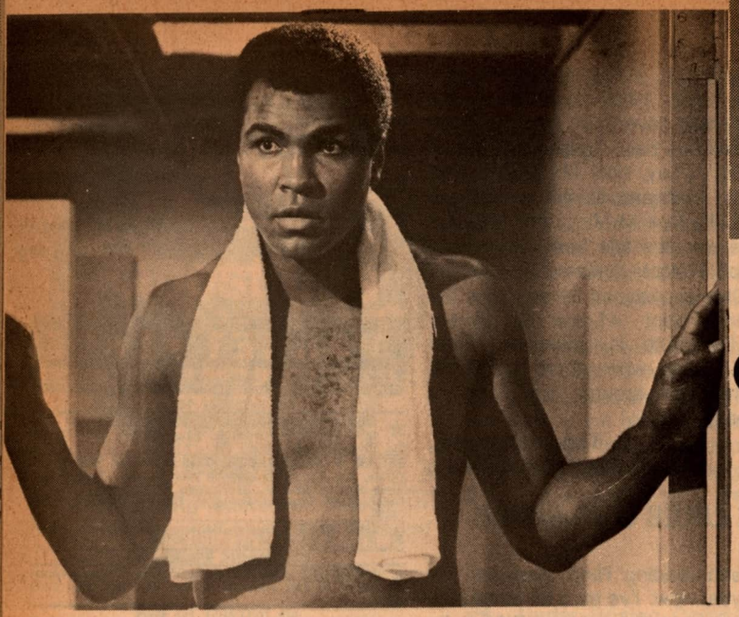

ALI MAKES MOVIE DEBUT

"THE GREATEST" RE-CREATES ALL THE COLOR AND EXCITEMENT THAT MARKED MUHAMMAD ALI'S RISE IN BOXING.

Muhammad Ali portrays himself as an adult in the screen version of his book *The Greatest: My Own Story*.

By TRUDIE LOUBET

Chip McAllister is the teenaged Cassius Clay who came home with the light heavyweight Gold Medal at the 1960 Rome Olympics.

To go to Columbia Picture's adaptation of Muhammad Ali's *The Greatest: My Own Story* as "the story you only thought you knew," as billed, is a mistake, but to watch "The Greatest" with the knowledge that this is a re-writing of history on Ali's part to present the version of his life that he wants posterity to remember is an experience the fight buff won't want to miss. The Muhammad Ali who emerges is a folk hero with a fierce pride and belief in himself, the courage to fight for his convictions, and the desire to serve as a worthy model for youth to emulate.

There is no question that Ali wants his audience to be well aware that the fight to the top as a Black, in or out of the ring, can be a disillusioning and harrowing experience, and there are numerous scenes to serve as a reminder of this, but the greatest bulk of the footage in this movie is devoted to the color and excitement of Ali's rise to fistic fame. The gibes, poems, predictions, and antics which made Ali such good copy for the press are all here. Remember his "I'll say it again, I've said it before; Archie Moore must fall in four," or his "raid" on then champion Sonny Liston's home in Las Vegas when Ali left a hefty metal bear trap in the front yard for "the Ugly Bear"?

"The Greatest" opens with 18-year-old Cassius Clay's winning of the light heavyweight Gold Medal in the 1960 Rome Olympics and rather abruptly ends with his eighth round knockout over George Foreman on October 30, 1974, in Kinshasa, Zaire, to reclaim the world heavyweight title. In between, there is ample attention devoted to Ali's involvement and conversion to Islam, his drawn out battle with the U.S. government over his refusing the draft on the grounds of being a conscientious objector and Muslim minister, and his romance and marriage with 17-year-old Belinda Boyd (played by Annazette Chase). One does wonder why there is no reference to Ali's first marriage or his ensuing career upon winning the heavyweight crown for the second time. An Ali retrospective hardly seems complete without "the Thriller in Manila," for example.

What makes "The Greatest" a must for boxing fans are the clips from original films taken at Ali fights as he built up his impressive pro record. Among others is footage from his bouts against Sonny Liston (KO 7), Floyd Patterson (KO 12), George Chuvalo (W 15), Jerry Quarry (KO 3), then champ Joe Frazier (L15), Joe Bugner (W 12), Ken Norton (L 12), and of course George Foreman (KO 8).

(Above) Dina Merrill makes a special appearance as an avid fight fan who attends all of Ali's fights hoping to see him lose. (Above right) Filming for the scenes in trainer Angelo Dundee's office was done on location in Miami with Angelo on hand to work with Ernest Borgnine, who plays Dundee in the movie. (Right) Ali is concerned about his wife's hospitalization for a nervous disorder during his climb to the title. Anazette Chase is Belinda Ali.

The film editors had the obvious problem of having to balance long enough sequences to convey the flavor and atmosphere of any given fight with not making the movie too tediously long (the running time is over two hours). The result has mixed success, but even when the wish is for more footage, there is no denying the excitement that builds as one watches Ali's rise as one of the all time greats in boxing history. There is more than a touch of nostalgia here when one recalls Ali's most recent and disappointing showing against Alfredo Evangelista.

An impressive cast has been assembled for this production, and it is unfortunate that the characters are as one dimensional as they are. Ali easily and unself-consciously plays his adult self in this movie debut, while Phillip "Chip" McAllister convincingly portrays the naive, exuberant, and talented teenaged Cassius Clay (also his film debut). Annazette Chase is a lovely Belinda Ali, James Earl Jones and Lloyd Haynes are menacing as Malcolm X and Herbert Muhammad, and Ernest Borgnine and John Marley are believable, although shallow versions, of trainer Angelo Dundee and Dr. Ferdie Pacheco.

Produced by John Marshall, directed by the late Tom Gries, and with a screenplay by Ring Lardner, Jr., "The Greatest" will satisfy those who want to relive Muhammad Ali's fighting prime and don't mind a little stretching of the facts along the way.

"THE GREATEST"
THE CAST

Muhammad Ali	MUHAMMAD ALI
Angelo Dundee	ERNEST BORGNINE
Dr. Ferdie Pacheco	JOHN MARLEY
Herbert Muhammad	LLOYD HAYNES
Payton Jory	MALACHI THRONE
Mrs. Fairlie	LUCILLE BENSON
John the Gardener	THEODORE R. WILSON
Belinda Ali	ANNAZETTE CHASE
Ruby Sanderson	MIRA WATERS
Cassius Clay, Aged 18	PHILLIP "CHIP" McALLISTER
Drew "Bundini" Brown	DREW "BUNDINI" BROWN
Commission Doctor	RICHARD GULLAGE
Cassius Clay, Senior	ARTHUR ADAMS
Odessa Clay	DOROTHY MEYER
Rahaman Ali	RAHAMAN ALI
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RACINE WINS UPSET KO OVER DOLAN

By CHARLES D. BROWN

QUEENS, N.Y.C—Despite the presence of balmy spring weather, Sunnyside Gardens was filled to underflowing by only 400 people for Vic Manni's latest promotion.

In the main 8-round lightweight event, Angel (TORITO) Rosa (136; Puerto Rico) outpointed backpedaling Danny Daniels (132½; Newark, N.J.); scoring four knockdowns en route. Rosa, a short bull-like type, floored Daniels in the second round and seized control of the fight from then on. It was an exciting fight, despite the clash in styles. Rosa upped his record to 17-4.

In the semi-final, Dominican featherweight Leo Lopez continued his impressive string of performances in local rings. Lopez (126) got off the rosin in the second heat to stretch Antonio Rivera (123; Mexico City, Mexico) in the sixth. The swarming Lopez found Rivera more than eager to trade punches with him. At 46 seconds of the sixth round, Lopez nailed his opponent with a perfect right to the jaw. Rivera and his mouthpiece went sailing off in different directions. Rivera fell flat on his face and remained immobile for some time after the '10' count had been tolled off. It was a cold, workmanlike KO—the kind that contenders are born from.

On the other hand, there was a heavyweight six-rounder that insomnia cures are born from. Tyrone Harlee (197¼; Brooklyn) and Johnny Blaine (187, Bridgeport, Connecticut) fought to a draw, doubtless because neither of them deserved to win.

In a four-rounder, lightweights Jose' Ortiz (134; Puerto Rico) and Curtis Smith (138; Bridgeport, Connecticut) slugged it out caveman style all night and had the crowd roaring. Ortiz took a split decision.

In another four, there was an honest-to-goodness flyweight bout of four rounds. Ben Ali (112; Tunisia) was known in local rings, but nobody had ever heard of opponent D.C. Cunningham (112¼; Cincinnati, Ohio), who was making his pro debut. Cunningham was a skilled fighter, it turned out, and he got the decision over Ali despite a bloody mouth he picked up along the way.

COMMACK, L.I., NEW YORK—Fans witnessed the decline and fall of the 135 pound division in the suburbs of New York City. First, it was ranked Larry Stanton who lost an upset decision, last month. Now Long Island's OTHER ranked lightweight, Irish Paddy Dolan, has followed suit in even more ignonimous fashion—a 9-round TKO loss to unknown (until now) Ralph Racine of Niagara Falls, Canada.

Dolan's loss, after his close defeat by Johnny Sullivan in the suspended Don King tournament, was one of the biggest jolts to hit the Island area since Hurricane Donna. Dolan was sluggish for the first two heats, and Racine seized the opening initiative with hard, one-at-a-time counterpunches. Dolan, usually a standup boxer, decided the best way to get through Racine's style was to carry the attack to him in the old-fashioned Irish brawl style. While this proved Dolan's undoing, it also made for a fantastic clash. Dolan speedily outpunched Racine until midway through the fifth round. That was when it all began to quicksand in. A sudden punch to the head caught Dolan right in the middle of a rally and floored him for a 5 count. Dolan survived a thrashing and came out for the sixth with amazing spirit, if not recovered completely. A left hook to the chin had Racine rocking, and so did a double right to the collarbone—head in the seventh. Racine punched back viciously and the amount of punishment dished out was considerable. Racine didn't seem to like getting hit in the body. But how he could hit back.

In the eighth, Racine again caught Dolan in the middle of his uphill stroll. A vicious right found Dolan's chin, and he ricocheted off the ropes and landed flat on his face. The bell rang, but the minute's rest did Dolan no good. Racine took up where he left off in the ninth and Dolan was soon floored for the third time. Referee Billy Graham (former welterweight contender) halted the match at 1:57 of the ninth.

Racine's manager said his man took the fight for peanuts, but he is now looking forward to some big purses. Paddy Dolan the ranked showed the punching power side of his nature, which is considerable, and his rep as a standoffish "dancing master" got a well needed shaking up. Dolan was incredibly classy in defeat, smiling and chatting with visitors in his dressing room.

Dolan weighed 136; the sudden star Racine was 134.

John Capobianco (176; Huntington, L.I.), a Ring Monthly Prospect who had been out of the ring for four months due to a KO loss and head-on-the-canvas connection came back to a crowd of admirers and a not-so-rugged opponent named Segundo Ochoa (169½; Ecuador). Capobianco landed an accurate if not particularly devastating flurry at the end of the first round, and exit Mr. Ochoa; who was floored and ruled out by the referee.

Tony Danza (159½; Malverne, L.I.) and Tom Molloy (157½; Merrick, L.I., PRO DEBUT(HAD AN. INTERESTING MIDDLEWEIGHT SCRAP GOING UNTIL Molloy twisted his knee midway through the third and couldn't continue. Danza was given a TKO by ref Charley Norkus.

In a David-and-Goliath match, Irish Wayne Kelly (179; Garden City, L.I.) did his best against towering Tom Healy (195; Queens; heavier according to Kelly) but lost a 4-round decision to him.

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In a pathetic match, Frank Petti (151; Brooklyn) needed only 1:26 of the first round to TKO smallish, scrawny-looking Danny Boy Barry (151; East Rockaway, L.I.). Petti took awful advantage of the green-looking kid in the clinches, and decked him twice with killing punches. Enough was enough.

▲SUNNYSIDE GARDENS, QUEENS, N.Y.—The same night as the Dolan match, a large house at Sunnyside Gardens watched ranked junior lightweight Ezequiel Sanchez continue his impressive string of wins in the States. The Dominican native scored a convincing third-round knockout over tough import Alfonso (BLACKIE) Zamora in the main event. Zamora, who has a long string of Texas fights with the best contenders behind him, was outclassed and KO'ed by a hard right to the button. Sanchez has captivated U.S. fans during his short stay here.

▲SUNNYSIDE GARDENS, QUEENS, N.Y.C.—In the main event junior lightweight contender Jose' Fernandez kept his Sunnyside lucky streak going, winning his third straight here. It was a unanimous 10-round decision over less experienced Jose' (SPEEDY) Gonzalez (134½; Puerto Rico). Fernandez was the aggressor all the way, as the now 12-4 Gonzalez proved to be a non-punching ring clown who had going the ten rounds as the main thing on his mind.

Referee Johnny LoBianco, asked by this reporter as to what a referee does when faced with a circus clown style, replied—"You can't think for a fighter—he was just teasing Fernandez, saying nothing offensive." Fernandez, who weighed 134, admitted that Gonzalez's style made things difficult for him. The veteran Fernandez lost a close bout to WBC junior lightweight champ Alfredo Escalera last year.

In the semi-final, former New York State heavyweight champ Bob Stallings lost all his energy after the first round and ended up the upset unanimous decision loser to equally lethargic Horace Robinson of Atlanta, Georgia. Both men are five-by-fives who carry around a lot of weight (Stallings 220½; Robinson 223).

There were three middling preliminaries. In a sixer, the promoters had trouble finding an opponent for middleweight Manuel Melon (154; Puerto Rico) and not until the envelope-opening time did they come up with the globetrotting Tyrone and came in at 146—concedin eight pounds to Melon, who has a figure like Arnold Schwartzengenner. The result was inevitable, as Melon pounded out a unanimous decision over Phelps. One of Phelps' cornermen described his advance notice for the fight as "about three minutes".

In a four-rounder, Bobby Alexander (133; Brooklyn) was forced to cope with the defensive style of Malcolm Driver (131½; Brooklyn), one of those shifty guys who can tie you into knots if you give them the chance. Alexander coped well enough to win a majority decision.

In another four, Jimmy Cruz (130½; NYC) outpointed Jose' Cheo Ortiz (131; Ponce; P.R. unanimously. Cruz waged a brutal body attack that impressed the large house.

▲SUNNYSIDE GARDENS, QUEENS, N.Y.C—Vilomar Fernandez, whose manager wants to keep him busy while negotiations with WBC lightweight champ Esteban DeJesus take their usual slow course, had a fight that can only be called "warm-up." His opponent was green Jose' Toro (135½; Puerto Rico), who had had only half of Fernandez's total pro fights, and against nobody of comparable class. Still, the inexperienced kid did his best before he ended up on the canvas, as predicted by the experts. After a slow first heat, Vilomar opened up with sharp combos in the second and had Toro wincing a few times. The last half of the third was doomsday, as Fernandez pitched two overhand rights to the jaw (the second being the real blow) that sent Toro skidding to the canvas. He could not beat the count, which continued after the bell.

The eight-round semi-final was exciting. After a slow start, middleweight Kenny Bristol (156; Brooklyn) charged back to sweep the last four rounds and take the unanimous decision from Ruben Lopez (157; Puerto Rico).

The other scheduled eight-rounder was not so nice. Angel Rosa (135; Puerto Rico) scored a first-round TKO over the New England veteran Leo DiFiore (132; Portland, Maine). DiFiore took two counts in the first heat from blows that wouldn't have floored a palsied sparrow, and by the time he took the third knockdown from a genuine left hook to the head, the crowd was delighted to get rid of him. The time was 2:54 of the first.

TARRANTINO BEATS VEGER

By FRED EISENSTADT

Those who failed to attend Joe Garfield's inaugural boxing show at that fine arena, certainly missed seeing one of the best shows of thrilling action presented, anywhere, in many years. Joe deserves more than a round of applause for the expert job of matchmaking he did and present a near perfect extravaganza.

The show started with an exilerating six-rounder between Campbell, Brooklyn, 141½, and Mark Harris, New York, 147½, Mark winning the duke after an action-packed battle. The 1134 spectators that put $8, 428 in the till, lavishly applauded the youngsters.

Luis Resto, Bronx, 148, ex-GG champ, in his second bout as a pro, apposed seasoned Bo Whyms, Brooklyn, 143, and though he fought with a cut and bleeding eye, was rightfully declared a six-round winner. Resto did no resting; fought at top speed all the way. He looks like a comer—maybe at a higher weight.

Bobby Halpern, Bronx, 192, waged an aggressive battle against David Conteh, London, England, 188, in a terrific 6-round tiff Hard punching three minutes in each round. The crowd ate it up. Mouth and one cut, Halpern fought tigerishly, and Conteh retaliated likewise. The fans cheered without letup. Bobby got the duke.

Joe Mascetta, Bronx, 166, defeated seasoned Dave Dittmer, Philly—same weight—in a sizzing six.

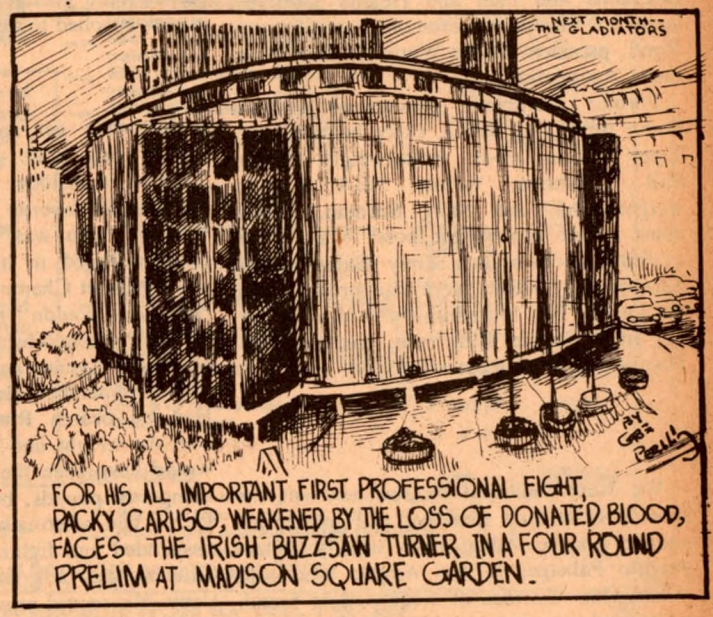
"Irish" Johnny Gallagher, White Plains, 175½, copped a six-round duke over Charlie Stern, 174, Reading, Pennsylvania, in a pleasing contest, somewhat comical as well. Stern, whenever he missed a swinging punch tumbled to the canvas; in one instance he fell through the ropes. It brought amused laughter from the audience.

In the main event, 8 rounds, Tom Tarantino, Memmoridis, Wisconsin, 138, put on a smart battle, holding off Puerto Rican Luis (The Bull) Vega, strong and difficult to hit solidly. Whenever Tom succeeded to connect a good one, the Bull shook it off and came charging in with swinging fists. So it went, round after round.

PACKY CARUSO & ACE HAWKINS

By Gabe Perillo

Story by Rich Caggiano



UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

TEMPIS Fugit! Here we are with August copy and wondering where time flies. Before we wrote this yarn we read the story that broke that George Foreman, former heavyweight king, for his own personal reasons, decided to hang up his gloves. It was startling considering that he was beaten only twice in his pro career, first by Muhammad Ali when knocked George off his throne, and by Jimmy Young a few months ago. It was surprising because no one anticipated such a move.

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That was quite a get together at L'Affaire, in Mountainside, N.J., when the International Veteran Boxers Association Ladies Auxiliary held its third annual dinner and dance. It was months ago, but the memory still lingers. President Jo Handley and her associates worked hard, and from the way things transpired it was a sell-out and a huge success.

The Dais was a good one, including the honorees and former ring stars. Billy Soose, former middleweight champion, and Yours Truly were singularly honored with humanitarian awards in honor of the memory of Vince Handley, Pep and Mary Cassillio, Carmine and Fannie Fatta, Dom and Nellie DeCiantis and Paul and Helen "Cortlyn" Galliello. Master of Ceremonies was Sammy Venti, president of the World Boxing Historians' Association.

Former champions present aside from Soose were: Lou Salica, twice bantam king, Tippy Larkin, ex-Jr. welterweight champ, Phil Terranova, former NBA featherweight king, and Sully Seeman, former coast Junior lightweight boss. Many other ex-fighters, Two Ton Tony Galento, Phil Sarubbi and Dudan, were also prominent in the crowd. Not forgetting the widow of Jersey Jones, former Ring man, Audrey Jones, always present at these affairs.

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We were saddened by the news of the passing of a long time pal and former associate on the Adam Hats weekly fights, Angelo Palange. It was Angelo who sold Adam Hats the idea of weekly fight broadcasts, and we were with him on this program for a long while. Palanage, who was 74, had a September ninth birthday, the day before our own. He had been ill a long time. Surviving Angelo is his brother Edward A., a lawyer, his wife, Helene, his son, Alan, who was sixteen in June, and a daughter from his first marriage, Yvonne. Angelo spent some time in Florida as well as operating restaurants in New York and Jackson Heights.

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Which reminds us of the passing of one of our best known little flyweights, the Young Zulu Kid, who died at the age of eighty. They often confused Young Zulu with the Other Zulu Kid, who was a middleweight, but there was no relation. The Zulu kid was born in Potenza, Italy, on April 22, 1897, weighed 110 pounds and was 4 feet 11 inches tall. Zulu Kid, who fought professionally from 1912 to 1924, claimed the American flyweight crown. In his battle for the world championship against the "Mighty Atom," Jimmy Wilde, in London, he was stopped in the 11th round. Ex-bantam king Lou Salica and many other former fighters from Paul Berlenbach's Ring #21, of which he was a member, paid their last respects to the gallant little performer. A son, Joseph DiMelfi, the deceased boxer's family name, were among the survivors. We saw him fight and can truly say that the Zulu Kid was also a gallant little gladiator with a pair of boxing gloves attached to his wrists.

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We often get requests from friends of former ring stars. Here's one from Sal Talerico, a resident of Utica, N.Y., regarding an old favorite from that spot, Bushy Graham, who was managed by Bill Parr. Graham failed in his quest for the crown when he met Champion Charley Phil Rosenberg, who couldn't make the bantam weight for their championship go in the old Garden on Fourth Avenue and 25th St.

We remember Bushy Graham so well. Had he beaten Rosenberg, who came in over-the-weight and forfeited his crown, he would have been the title holder, the weight being 118 pounds, but he lost. There was a lot of bad aftermath, with managers being suspended and fighters being set down. But Graham was a good fighter, no one will deny. His record proves that.

The Ring Record Book shows that Graham eventually became bantam boss when he defeated Corp. Izzy Schwartz for the crown. Later Schwartz won on a foul from Bushy in four rounds. Look at the men Bushy clashed with, most of them real champions. You couldn't deny his ability: Johnny Jadick, Bud Taylor, Cannonball Eddie Martin, Tony Canzoneri, Mickey Genaro, one of the Zivics, Johnny Vacca, Kid Chocolate, and don't forget Charley Phil. Had over 180 fights, 60 being no decision affairs, lost 16 decisions and was stopped three times. Graham was a good performer.

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It is sad to hear of anyone's passing. Lou Jallos dropped us a line enclosing a clipping of the death of popular Morrie Sherman, a great performer out of Michigan, who passed away several months ago at the age of 67. Sherman, who was born in New York, moved to Detroit with his family at an early age and lived in Flivver City most of his life. In the early 1930's Morrie held the State welterweight crown. Many of his pals from the boxing world were present at the funeral. Morrie is survived by his wife, Barbara, two sisters, Esther and Dorothy, two brothers, Al and Jackie, and his 98 year old father, Louis. Morrie was active in his own VBA Ring, among his mourners being Roscoe Toles, a heavyweight, Dave Clark and Lou Jallos.

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Remember the old saying, "Only two things are certain in life, death and taxes?" Dan Ferris, venerable 87 year old gentleman who known as Mr. A.A.U., spent 70 years with that fine organization, and was living in Amityville, L.I., when he passed away. Bucky Harris, monicker William Harris Hoare, was fatally stricken at 85 when he died at City Hospital in Barberton, Ohio. He was, at one time, the boxing instructor in the public schools during the depression years. He was also active in professional and Golden Gloves boxing. In his latter years Bucky was a crossing guard. By the same mail, from Harold J. Walsh, came the report that Leo T. (Muggsy) Mullane, 77, from Canton, Ohio, also passed away. He was a promoter and referee, and also served on the Canton Boxing Commission. Also Dave Eisenberg, 69, formerly with Journal-

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___ 43086 - Extra large size	17.60/pr	13.20

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___ 2516 - Top pro 16oz. training glove	105.60/set (4 gloves)	79.20
___ 2412 - Professional 12oz. training glove	68.20/pr	51.15
___ 2414 - Professional 14oz. training glove	72.60/pr	54.45
___ 2416 - Professional 16oz. training glove	77.00/pr	57.75

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13—Larry Stanton, Merrick, N.Y.
14—John Lira, Las Vegas, Nev.
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*Title Vacant
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8—Francisco Villegas, Puerto Rico
9—Dom Monaco, Brooklyn, N.Y.
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11—Nacho Jiminez, Los Angeles, Calif.
12—Bill Pearish, Joplin, Mo.
13—Kenny Weldon, Houston, Texas
14—Ronnie McGarvey, Baltimore, Md.
15—Manuel Castellanos, Los Angeles, Calif.

*Champion

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*Title Vacant

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2—Ruben Castillo, Bakersfield, Calif. +
3—Richard Rozelle, Las Vegas, Nev. +
4—James Martinez, Clovis, N.M.
5—Warren Matthews, New Orleans, La.
6—Mike Ayala, San Antonio, Texas
7—Gaby Cantrera, San Antonio, Texas
8—David Vasquez, New York, N.Y.
9—Jerome Artis, Philadelphia, Pa.
10—William Berry, Trenton, N.J.
11—Santos Luis Rivera, Puerto Rico
12—Ben Ortiz, Puerto Rico
13—Ernesto Grefe, San Antonio, Texas
14—Jimmy Farrell, Rockland, Mass.
15—Willie Chapman, Detroit, Mich.

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*Title Vacant

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2—Frank Duarte, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma City, Okla.
4—Baby Kid Chocolate, Philadelphia, Pa.
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6—Ignacio Osornio, Los Angeles, Calif.
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9—Jeff Chandler, Philadelphia, Pa.
10—Jose Rosa, Puerto Rico
11—Andres Torres, Puerto Rico
12—Earl Large, Phoenix, Ariz.
13—Oscar Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
14—Harrison Kiger, Galveston, Texas
15—Sergio Reyes, Laredo, Texas

FLYWEIGHTS

*Willie Jansen, Las Vegas, Nev.

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2—Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Joey Olivio, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Salvatore Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Alfonso Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Paz Mena, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Alfonso Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—David Romahlo, Lowell, Mass.
9—Mike Stuart, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Freddy Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif.

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JOE DENUCCI

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like to work in the State House between fights."

DeNucci started out as a page, became an aide to the Transportation Committee and then a legislative assistant.

"I never graduated from college," DeNucci said. "I went nights to Boston University one year, but it was tough being both a fighter and a student, so I dropped out.

"This," he said, gesturing at the walls of the State House, "has been my education."

DeNucci has mixed feelings about boxing. "It's a tough racket," he said. "The body isn't meant to take that kind of punishment, but I'm glad I went through it. I'm proud of it. It opened a lot of doors for me. I'm here today because someone saw me fight."

What about the danger? DeNucci said, "It's only dangerous if you can't fight. Luckily I had the natural ability, the reflexes and the proper schooling, so I knew what I was doing when I went into the ring. I never took the beatings other fighters took."

Would he do it all again.? "I can't answer that," he said. "Boxing was my way, and for me it worked. If you asked me would I want one of my sons to become a fighter I'd say No! Because I know what a dangerous, tough racket it is, but then my boys won't have the same desire to be fighters that I had back in the '50's."

DeNucci lost in his first attempt at public office in 1974. When the polls closed he was ahead, but when the absentee ballots were counted his opponent won by four votes. "I was beginning to think I was jinxed," he said. "When I was fighting it seemed I always lost the big fights after I thought I had won them."

Last fall, though, DeNucci's house-to-house strategy worked and he beat that same opponent by 176 votes. Being a Democrat, DeNucci felt Watergate helped him. "Before Watergate people thought you had to be a lawyer to be in government," he said, "but Watergate proved that not all lawyers make good legislators."

Interestingly, DeNucci insists that boxing opponents are much easier to like than political opponents. "When I was fighting," he said, "I never hated my opponent. I went into the ring with a fight plan and I tried to carry it out. When the final bell rang it was instinctive to hug your opponent. There was a bond of respect there. You had gone through something together. In the ring you have to follow rules. There are no outside influences, as in politics. It's a much neater world than politics.

"In politics your opponent says things about you. His people tear down your signs. You get more emotionally involved with personalities."

How about the thrill of victory? Is it bigger when you win a fight or when you take an election? He laughed and then a wistfull look came into his eyes. "Winning an election when you're 37 is nice," he said, "but it can't compare with beating a contender when you're only 19."

N.Y. VS. CHICAGO

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winner over Ray Vaxter, representing Chicago (albeit he is a resident of Gary, Indiana), in 2:35 of the third round, in their 139 pound skirmish. Vaxter, the loser, provided the crowd with a comedy of errors showing he is a good actor.

The 147 pound three-rounder was a red-hot duel between David Moore, from Morrisania Youth Center, and Robert Hughes, a resident of Aurora, Illinois. This was a closely waged affair with plenty of action, with the decision going to Moore. This was a whale of a setto.

There was a dissention of opinion over the award to 21-year-old Roosevelt Green, of Chicago, at the expense of Johnny Hayes, of the Morrisania Youth Center, also 21. This was a lulu, and closely waged, with many in the crowd not agreeing with the verdict. But the fight itself was great.

Paul Christiani, 20, of the Army Athletic Association, popular with New York fight fans, ran into a tartar in the 165 pound class, when his opponent, Leroy Murphy, an 18-year-old lost little time battering his man to the canvas a couple of times before the fight was halted by the referee after only 1 minute and 22 seconds of activity. It was a shocker to the followers who came from West Point to root for thier idol.

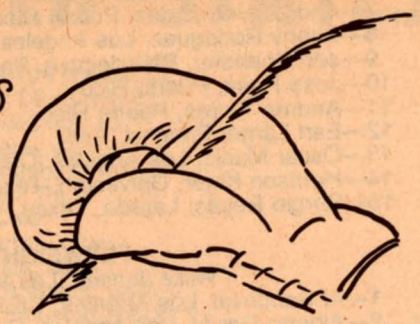
Randy Smith, 20-year-old Chicagoan who does a lot of show boating, grabbed the decision from Sam Campbell, 21, of the Police Athletic League in their 178 pound get together. There was a bit of show-boating, as we said, on the part of the winner, with the gang not liking the dramatics. Many disputed the decision. Edward Urbec was the referee of this one.

The final bout, the heavyweight duel, saw Mitchell Green, from the United Block Association, residing in the Bronx, score a t.k.o. at 2:07 of the third round over Calvin Cross, 25-year-old Chicagoan, an iron worker. There was little question about who was the winner. It was a pretty good performance.

That's the story. Everybody was happy to see the series between Chicago and New York resume again. There's a keen rivalry which seems to penetrate and bring out the best rooting on the part of the audience. The real winners were the charities and the fans.

NOTE: The result picked up from "The San Juan Star" that Creg Johnson was KO'd by Larry Holmes is incorrect. The KO was by Horace Robinson.

The Critic's Corner



By JOAN F. LOUBET

ROCKY MARCIANO
Biography of a First Son
by Everett M. Skehan
369 pp. Boston: $10.95.
Houghton Mifflin Co.

DEMPSEY
by Jack Dempsey with Barbara Piatelli Dempsey
320 pp. New York: $12.50.
Harper & Row

CALL it a bonny season when two books on two idolized champions, Rocky Marciano and Jack Dempsey, appear at the same time. A reader would have to be at the receiving end of the mail at RING magazine to realize the extent of the hero-worship these two have inspired.

The first to appear was Everett M. Skehan's *Rocky: Biography of a First Son*. Mr. Skehan was a Brockton boy too, and knew well the town that produced the Brockton Blockbuster. Brockton was a shoe factory town which was largely Irish with smaller clusters of Italians, Lithuanians, Swedes and Jews. Rocky always hated the shoe factory, "a place where good men were forced to sweat and toil and submit to injustices at the hands of the Irish foremen."

"Remember this place, Rocky," said Pierino Marchegiano, "and when you grow up be somebody. Don't ever work in a shoe factory."

"Don't worry, Pa," Rocky said. "Someday I'm going to make a lot of money, and then you'll never have to work here again."

This single most important urge dominated Rocky's entire life. Born into a world which was soon to experience the Great Depression, Rocky's obsession was to have enough money so that he and his family would never have to worry.

Baseball and money. Lucky for boxing that he was cut at the ball club tryouts, and lucky that one of Brockton's plusses was that it was a great sports city. Rocky was playing semi-pro football when he entered the Golden Gloves at Lowell. After some ups and downs (which included a broken thumb), he and his friend Allie Columbo knew that Marciano must turn pro now or never. Bob Girard, one of his last amateur opponents, later said, "How do you think I beat Rocky? I beat him because it was three rounds. There were a hundred guys who might have stayed three rounds with The Rock. But no man in the world was gonna beat Rocky in fifteen rounds; not Dempsey, not Ali, not anybody. I knew he was going to be the champ. I don't think anybody could hurt Rocky. Every time he hit you, you saw a flash of light. You either grabbed him or you moved back, because if he hit you twice you're gone."

Rocco Marchegiano and his trainer-friend Allie Columbo, well aware that New York was where it was at, secured an appointment with Al Weill to try out. Weill decided he was a good prospect and turned him over to Charley Goldman to train, making it plain that if Rocky wanted to keep on Allie, it was no responsibility of his, Weill's. This, to his credit, Rocky did.

Little Charley Goldman told Rocky, "If you done anything right, I didn't see it." His notes read something like this: arms too short, wild punches, legs too far apart, no defense, relies too much on the right, no left hook, stands up too straight, too old; and quite a bit more. But Rocky trained—oh, how he trained, with a singlemindedness of purpose that bought him the heavyweight championship of the world.

Skehan's style is sometimes disturbing, losing focus when he shifts in time, and, quibble though it is, I was occasionally bothered by the inconsistency of his characters' dialects. But Skehan is a prize-winning journalist, and shows his colors in the fight scenes which will leave the fans and *paesanos* cheering.

Controversy is going to be stirred about Marciano's relationships with Weill, with his wife Barbara, with certain friends. What's a book without controversy? Read it for fun, read it for guts, read it and admire the man who gritted his teeth and went after the heavyweight championship of the world, the only undefeated heavyweight champion in history, a second-generation Italian who was truly a "first son," to his family and his countrymen.

Pasqualena Marchegiano and Celia Dempsey had more than champion sons in common. Both were sturdy pioneers, one emigrating westward from Italy and the other almost to the Rockies from West Virginia. Both champion sons acknowledged the strength they received from their mothers, though it is interesting to compare Mama Marchegiano's "God does not want Rocky to box" with Mama Dempsey's "I decided that if you turned out to be a boy, you could be just like him [John L. Sullivan]." Both men were desperately poor in their youth, though Rocky said there was always plenty of food on the table and Jack remembers that the children were all clean and scrubbed ("Water don't cost nothin', use it"). And both burned with the desire to be champion.

"I know there were other fighters just like me, hungry and poor—but I really couldn't think of them—as I was sure they wouldn't of me," Jack wrote.

What a happy partnership is that of Jack with his step-daughter Barbara Piatelli Dempsey. She writes delightfully, a talent which adds no little to the natural interest of the book. This is not only the story of Jack Dempsey, but a live, glowing history of what Joseph Durso of the New York Times calls that "era of wonderful nonsense that came to be known as the Roaring Twenties." It doesn't stop there, but those are bound to be the most arresting memories, those "roaring days when he was king of the hill." The stories, and the people! The drama of the bloody fight with Willard is tempered by the recounting of how Bat Nelson, that broiling day in Toledo, mistook a tub of lemonade for water and jumped in to take a bath, cake of soap and all. No one knew exactly which barrel had been contaminated, so the lemonade, needless to say, went untouched by those who had heard the story. Tough on those who hadn't.

The description of the fight with Carpentier was rather touching, I thought. The Orchid Man was such a gallant gent. . .and France's reaction to the news cable of his loss: WE SHALL WEEP IN THE SMALL HUTS.

I confess to having had a marvelous time at the prohibition hot spots with Jimmy Walker, Billy Seeman, Texas Guinan, and a young kid from Philly, Toots Shor. I also enjoyed a visit with William Randolph Hearst at San Simeon. The whole Hollywood scene made me feel as though I were back with the movie mags of my youth.

By the way, it seems that nobody could resist taking a punch at Jack Dempsey. List J. Paul Getty, Douglas Fairbanks, Paul Gallico, all of whom ended up on the canvas (Jack was never very good at pulling his punches), and the countless customers at his restaurant who would get boozed up and try a poke at the Dempsey nose.

It's all there: his troubles with Kearns and the draft, his marriages, happy and unhappy. What eras Dempsey lived through, almost startling in their changes. And, as he said at age 80, he lived his life his way, and if he were asked, he would do it all over again.

RINGSIDE WITH "Sailor" Don Sauer

By DON SAUER

THERE is good news for boxing fans in Cleveland—former heavyweight contender JIMMY BIVINS and his partner GARY HORVATH have re-opened the Old Angle Gym. They are now located at the West Side Community House, 3000 Bridge Ave., in Cleveland, Ohio. Their hours at the gym are 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. week-nights. BIVINS is still in tip-top shape and works as hard as ever to keep that way. . . .The old fight manager and promoter PINKIE GEORGE, now living in Des Moines, Iowa, was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, on January 23, 1905. It was PINKIE who brought heavyweights of the JOE LOUIS era—JOHNNY PAYCHECK and LEE SAVOLD—to the fore. He moved to Iowa as a boy, but always remembers his old friends back in Boston. . . .HOWIE STEINDLER'S family has taken over control of the Main Street Gym in Los Angeles, which is now being managed by RUDY TELLEZ. The existing lease is for two more years. Talk about huge heavyweights, LOU ESA is a 247 pound 6'6" giant of a youth, who has lost just once in 14 fights, and he's just 25. Since Miami Beach promoter CHRIS DUNDEE ran only one fight show during the first three months of 1977, ESA and manager MURRAY GABY had to "hit the road" to Orlando, Florida, to get fistic action. . . .Sacramento, California, bantamweight JOE GUEVERA just finished up his basic Marine Corps training, a decision he made after losing five fights in a row . . . .Happy to report that JOEY SANGER, former featherweight of repute a few years back, has been re-elected Chairman of the Wisconsin State Athletic Commission. . . .Veteran Miami Beach fight trainer LOU GROSS is teaching Boston middleweight DOM DeMARZIO at that resort city at the Fifth Street Gym. . . .Two fighting gals, LaVONNE LUDIAN and THERESA KIBBY got $2500 each for their television fight. Male "pros" with good names don't see that kind of money at times . . . .LOU VISCUSI, who guided WILLIE PEP, JOE BROWN and BOB FOSTER to world championships, has three young gladiators in his present stable: AL HOGAN, DOUG AHONEN and MIKE MORAN. They look like they could be the goods if given the right matches at this stage of their young careers. . . .JOHN PINNEY, who sports a ring record of 30-3-4, is ready to box the best right now. . . .Rumors have it that golfer ARNOLD PALMER was ready to

British heavyweight Joe Bugner recently bought a home in the San Fernando Valley, California.

toss 20 big ones into the career of welterweight king, CARLOS PALOMINO—that is, until CARLOS wrecked his hand in the gym. ARNIE should stick to the golf beat where he knows what it's all about. . . .JOEY OLMOS, a darn good boxer in his hey-day and later a California referee who has worked over 1,000 bouts is now the Chief Boxing Inspector in that state at the age of 51. . . .Congratulations to middleweight MIKE ROSSMAN, who took his matrimonial vows just the other day. ROSSMAN is the son of JIMMY DePIANO, who also manages the fighter. Mike uses his mother's maiden name. . . .Former heavyweight contender of years gone by, BUDDY SCOTT, is hospitalized in Dallas, Texas, suffering from spinal meningitis. His wife informs me he is coming along all right now. We wish BUDDY a complete and speedy recovery. BOBBY CHACON has undergone tests for a possible ulcer. If so, he could be shelved indefinitely—might even end his comeback bid for good. . . .JESSE BURNETT, that fine light heavyweight prospect from the coast, is rumored to be considering retirement if not given some lucrative money shots. BURNETT is a lad no one wants any part of. . . .A Los Angeles bail-bondsman, BENNY GEORGINO, has taken over the managerial reins of WBC featherweight champion DANNY LOPEZ. GEORGINO also owns an Italian Restaurant in Alhambra, California, and real estate ventures, plus being a knowledgeable boxing person. . . .When the new young boxing scribes try to compare JIMMY YOUNG with classic ringmen of past like BILLY CONN, LEE SAVOLD and BOB PASTOR, they are way off base. CONN, PASTOR and SAVOLD were masters of the art. They would feint with head, shoulders and body—something JIMMY YOUNG doesn't know anything about. . . .A tip of the hat to BILL DICKSON, who is doing a bang-up job with top boxing shows in Nevada. He had one helluva "top" recently pairing CHINO BERMUDEZ with LEROY HALEY—a great match. . . .Middleweight TONY LICATA is recuperating from a vertebrae operation. LICATA had an accident that occurred when he just 13 years old, in New Orleans, it has plagued his boxing career. . . .BOBBY HALPERN is a 40-year-old club-fighter, and a mighty tough one. He served 17½ years of hard time in New York State prisons. He tells me he's been training for that 17½ years for this ring comeback. Well, one thing is for sure, HALPERN has to be in good shape! British heavyweight JOE BUGNER, who has been talking about it for two years, has finally made a deal and bought a $200,000 home in the San Fernando Valley under the guidance of LORRAINE CHARGIN, demon real estate agent and the wife of Olympic matchmaker DON CHARGIN. Now BUGNER will concentrate his ring activities in the U.S. . . . IRISH JIMMY FARRELL IS THE top ring prospect around New England. He is trained by BILL EBEL and has been sparring with champion ROBERTO DURAN. . . .JACK DEMPSEY and GENE TUNNEY (who fought for Philadelphia promoter HERMAN TAYLOR for the heavyweight title in 1926 in what is now Kennedy Stadium) could not attend, because of poor health, when TAYLOR celebrated his 90th birthday party. The party was at Palumbo's in Philly, and TAYLOR said, "Retired? I am not! What do you think I still maintain an office for—to use the toilet down the hall?" Good boy, HERMAN—many more birthdays! Those in attendance for the party were JOE FRAZIER, JERSEY JOE WALCOTT, EMILE GRIFFITH and ROCKY GRAZIANO, all former king's of the ring. . . .INDIAN GEORGE DAVIS, veteran ring campaigner who was stopped in two rounds by SUGAR RAY SEALES in Seattle recently, has the beginnings of cataracts in both eyes, and the Washington Athletic Commission has bulletined he should have an eye doctor's okay before being allowed to take another fight. Smart move on the part of the Washington Commission, headed by knowledgeable JIMMY RONDEAU. . . .The late BOBBY SCANLON'S son, GREG, 17, has been competing as an amateur in west coast rings of late. . . .When the movie "ROCKY" hit the "local theaters," there was a fellow in Philadelphia who had a very particular interest in it. His name GUS DORAZIO, of

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By DON FRASER

SANDOVAL MAKES IT 19-0

LOS ANGELES—It was to be the toughest test yet for young, talented Albert (Superfly) Sandoval. The test, British bantamweight champion Paddy Maguire, proved to be a punching bag as Sandoval hardly extended himself in stopping the Irishman in the third round at the Olympic Auditorium.

After dominating the first two rounds, Sandoval floored Maguire with a crisp right hand. Paddy took an eight count, but then was being pelted at will when referee John Thomas came to his rescue, at 2:05 of the third.

The 21-year-old Sandoval from Pomona, California, now owns a 19-0-0 slate and seems ready for the top flyweights. He made 114½.

A good sized turnout of 4,120 paid $20,230.

Other results: Freddie Gonzalez, 116½, Los Angeles, decisioned Libito Gonzalez, 119, (8); James Bella, 114, Los Angles, KO'd Liborio Sandoval, 144, East Los Angeles, (1); Ken Croom, 148½, Los Angeles, won a decision over John Sullivan, 148, Los Angeles, (6); Luis Lara, 120, Los Angeles, decisioned Jose Luis Diaz, 122, Mexico, (4).

▲**SAN DIEGO**—Unknown Gerald Hayes, 129, Philadelphia, scored a stunning one round knockout over heavily favored Manny Lujan, 129, San Diego. Hayes opened up fast and dropped Lujan with a perfect left-right combination.

Other results: Marvin Sanders, 152½, Los Angeles, won a decision over Zeferino Gonzalez, 152, Montebello, (6); Scipio Stubbs, 138, San Diego, and Arturo Reyes, 137½, National City, drew (5).

The gate was $3,136.50.

▲**SAN CARLOS**—Fast improving Erwin Williams, 160, San Francisco, gave Ruben Rascon, 159, San Jose, a one sided lacing. Williams won on a knockout in the fourth round.

Leonel Valencia, 126, San Jose, a fine young propsect, stopped Elias Rodriguez, 125, Mexico, in the third round of their eight rounder.

Other results: Greg McPherson, 162, Oakland, won a KO over Charles Terrell, 162, San Francisco, (2); Tony Sanchez, 134, San Jose, KO'd Reynaldo Alvarez, 135, Mexico, (2).

The gate was $2,477.50.

▲**LOS ANGELES**—Ramon Contreras, 132½, a replacement for the ill Bobby Chacon, came up with an upset KO win over Modesto Concepcion, 132½, Dominican Republic, in the main event at the Olympic Auditorium. A smashing left hook to the chin, shortly after the start of the seventh, ruined Concepcion. Up to that point, Contreras enjoyed a slight edge.

The gate was $5,402.

Other results: Francisco Flores, 128, San Fernando, KO'd Jorge Torres, 129½, Los Angeles, (8); Freddie Washington, 149½, Los Angeles, KO'd Ricky Weigel, 152, Los Angeles, (4), cut eye; Chris Gonzalez, 145, Montebello, decisioned James Bella, 143, Los Angeles, (6).

▲**SAN DIEGO**—Irish Mike Nixon, 155½, Glendale, California, landed a solid right hand to the jaw of Mike Avons, 160, Phoenix, to win by a clean-cut knockout midway in the fourth round. It was the first real KO loss ever suffered by Avons. Nixon, who is the brother-in-law of Jerry and Mike Quarry, plans to campaign as a junior middelweight.

The gate was $4125, at the Coliseum.

▲**LOS ANGELES**—Ecuador's Ramiro Bolanos seems to be a regular main eventer at the Olympic Auditorium. Headlining for the second time within a four week period, Bolanos, 140¾, pounded out a sixth round knockout over Victor Abraham, 140, Los Angeles.

In a co-feature ten, Manuel Castellano, 126, Los Angeles, nodded Fidel Fraijo, 128, Mexico, in a wild swinging affair.

Other results: Len Vanisi, 163, Los Angeles, decisioned Leroy Danford, 164, Los Angeles, (6); Jose Valencia, 132, Los Angeles, decisioned Moses Armas, 133, Managua, Nicaragua, (5).

▲**LOS ANGELES**—Idle for over six months, Albert Davila, 118½, Pomona, was sharp enough to out-box Carlos Alcivar, 119, Educador, in the 10 round feature at the Olympic Auditorium. Davila, now under the management of ex-fighter Benny Georgino, took seven of the ten rounds.

Other results: Oscar Muniz, 119, Montebello, decisioned Mario Chavez, 118, Los Angeles, (6); Ken Croom, 151, Los Angeles, decisioned Len Vanisi, 155, Los Angeles, (5); Dan Veskovic, 164½, Los Angeles, decisioned Larry Myers, 162½, Los Angeles, (5).

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market place.

Who then will suffer? The answer is simple! the fighters and the fans, as bad fights, bad matchmaking and bad decisions and investigations become the order of the day, plaguing boxing. This then makes me wonder who will investigate whom? For example, in the current investigation, can ABC lawyers investigate their client?

At the last of our meetings ABC was supposed to certify all of their original assertions relative to "fights that were not held." To the best of our knowledge this was never done. Only now that the tournament has been suspended is the entire mess of kickbacks, house fighters, bad records, et al., being properly investigated. It might have been better if ABC had done what it said it was going to do, namely: have Farley, Jr., the head of the Committee, run the investigation with a lawyer and two investigators of his choosing.

As The Ring continues its own investigation an interesting pattern is emerging. Many of the results that were allegedly inaccurate appear to have occured as recorded by The Ring originally.

We have faith in Mr. Armstrong, but we do feel that the investigating force should have been completely neutral and impartial to all sides.

In our July issue we gave many of the facts coming up to this dissertation and we do not wish to repeat. We do, however, wish to emphasize that in the future no fight records will be used that are not authenticated.

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WORLD RATINGS

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and Castillo move up one place each as Kyun dropped two places. Rodolfo Martinez moves in to the ten spot with a win over Mike Ayala, who drops out.

Paddy Maguire lost two bouts over the last month, Ferreire and Sandoval. Paddy drops to the eight spot in the bantam rankings. Sandoval moves into the number nine spot in the flyweight division. Willie Jansen falls out of the flyweight ratings, inactive.

There were no changes in the middleweight and welterweight divisions.

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ZARATE KO'S ZAMORA

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title next, had little trouble disposing of Socrates Batoto, 120, Manila, P.I. Ruvaldino, a lefty and making his first showing in Los Angeles, finished off Batoto wtih a right to the head in the second round.

Lupe (Cubanito) Hernandez, 118, Reynosa, Mexico, had to go all out to decision Baby Kid Chocolate, 117. Philadelphia, in their 10-rounder. Chocolate recovered from two third round knockdowns to make an interesting go of it.

Raul Tirado, 123, Mexico City, stopped Jorge Altamirano, 13, Los Angeles, in the seventh round of their 10-rounder; Joey Olivo, 110, Los Angeles, decisioned Demetrios Torres, 112, Los Angeles, (4); Nacho Jimenez, 132, Stockton, decisioned Gerald Hayes, 130½, Philadelphia, (5).

AUSTIN UPSETS THOMPSON IN AUSSIE TITLE GO

By RAY MITCHELL

In the biggest upset in Australian boxing for almost 30 years, Australian and Commonwealth junior-welterweight champion Hector Thompson lost his titles to Australian lightweight titleholder Lachie "Baby Cassius" Austin.

In the record book it will appear: Lachie Austin, KO 15, over Hector Thompson, (injury), Perth.

Here's what happened: Thompson slipped on water near a corner. He tore a ligament in or near his knee. He regained his feet and hobbled, not able to put his foot on the ground. "He could not continue," said referee Dinny Heaney, so the third man stopped the fight.

But it was the conduct of the fight that caused the shock. In a phone call across the Australian continent, referee Heaney told me: "I had Austin six and a half points ahead coming into the last round. There was no way Thompson could win except by knockout. When he injured his knee and was hobbling, Austin said to me: 'I can't hit him. Look at his knee.' So I stopped the fight."

For Austin to be ahead of Thompson on points at the end of 14 rounds is something the experts could not conceive. Austin is a smart boxer, fast, shifty, while Thompson is a rather slow starter, so Austin being ahead for a few rounds would not surprise, but to be in front after 14 rounds. . .

Furthermore, Austin dropped Thompson with a neat left hook in the sixth round, and Hector on the floor is almost unique, it has happened so rarely.

Six fights ago I refereed Austin. He impressed but he lost on points to Eddie Buttons. I refereed Thompson's last two fights before the Perth venture; they were only four and a half months ago—and Hector showed no signs of deterioration. How was Austin ahead of Thompson after 14 rounds???

Reporters covering the fight all saw it close, Thompson just ahead or Austin just ahead. The fact is that Dinny Heaney was in there as referee (and sole judge), and as this correspondent was not present, I must go along with the official, who is an experienced referee.

Venue was the Entertainment Centre, Perth, date was April 28, and crowd was 3,000 (estimate).

There will be a return bout.

Thompson regarded the Austin fight as a warm-up before challenging for the world title. Austin made the warm-up a very hot potato.

In the main support, billed for 10 rounds, Johnno Johnson halted Davey Milankov in round four for the vacant junior-middleweight championship of the State of Western Australia.

After a slow start to 1977, boxing started an upsurge in early April, thank goodness.

There is a new Australian flyweight champion. Steve Bell, 108½, edged champion Charlie Brown, 111½, to take the title after 15 very good rounds at Cardiff Workers Club. It was such a good fight that the ring was showered with more than $50.

It was only over the last three rounds that Bell got on top. Referee (yours truly) and judge John McDougall each had Brown ahead at the end of the 12th. The other judge, Joe Keegan, saw Bell leading by one point at that stage.

But Bell made every post a winner from then on. Brown, who had raced away with round 12, was brought quickly to a standstill so that it was just sheer guts that kept him in there, pelting back punches at his little challenger over the last couple of heats.

The verdict was split, the two judges carding for Bell. I thought Charlie held onto a fast-diminishing lead to have one point in hand (142-141) at the finish.

▲Al Korovou had a busy week. At Bankstown R.S.L. Club, May 4, he met Benny Holt for the vacant N.S.W. State middleweight title and won when Holt sustained a cut eye. The end came in round 10, with Holt unlucky. Benny could have gone on to victory. Korovou scaled 159, Holt 160. It was a good fight.

▲Exactly one week later Korovou, 160, challenged Joe Vella, 166, for Vella's Australian junior-light-heavy title (how do you like that one?), which has a limit of 168. This was at Marrickville R.S.L. Club, and Korovou won a close decision on points after what was voted the best fight ever held at this club. No knockdowns but what a fight!

In the chief support to Korovou-Holt (May 4), Ron Sheldon, 157, outpointed Australian junior-middle champion John Layton, 156, over ten twos, no title being at stake and the bout being a last-minute substitute.

A couple of results from Papua-New Guinea. Martin Beni, 145, the local idol, outpointed Australian Phil "Spider" Davies, 144, over ten at Port Moresby, and reports are that few agreed with the referee's verdict. At Kudiawa, Beni, 146, halted Aussie Brian Clayton, 133, in round seven, owing to Clayton receiving a cut eye. Beni was well in charge of the contest.

▲Promoter Liam Rigney tried out a new venue last month, the Sandgate Football Club, and was very happy with the financial result. With Brisbane Festival Hall not open during the past 11 months, Brisbaneites were happy to go to the suburb of Sandgate to see glove action. On top Ross Fadie, 144, was too strong and too experienced for local Kerry Bell, 141, halting Bell in the sixth round. A cut eye stopped it but Bell had not won a round and was out of his depth.

In an eight on the bill Ken Patterson, 142, halted Lyle Law, 144, in the fifth (watch Patterson; he is good), while in another eight smart-boxing Kevin Gibb, 140, was too classy for Dawsey Kelly, 142, and ran out a clear points winner.

▲Ross Fadie found out how to catch the Spider! Phil "Spider" Davies is a lad who hits and goes and only three opponents have managed to outpoint him in some two dozen bouts. But none could put him away. Ross Fadie did at Wollongong's Illawarra Leagues Club. Fadie, 140, knocked out Davies, 141, in the third round, and Phil was really OUT.

There was almost an upset in the eight-round support when Billy Mulholland, 140, had to bear the indignity of hoots from his home crowd (Billy is an idol in the district) when referee Les Wilson crowned him a points winner over Domenic Marano, 138. Mulholland, a dual State champion at junior-light and light, should have been too smart for his opponent but lack of good sparring and carrying excess baggage at 140, took its toll.

▲At Marrickville R.S.L. Club, Reg King, 122¼, outpointed Greg Haggart, 125¼, over ten. The decision was narrow.

▲There was a good fight at Melbourne Festival Hall when David Hill, 152, outpointed Dick Lee, 149, over 10. Not much in it. Promoter Kevin Watterson is doing a great job down south at the Hall. His following bill, two weeks later featured what was described as the best fight in years in Melbourne. On top, Barry Michael, 135¾, outpointed Joe Gibilisco, 136, a bull-terrier who was never told that a boxer is allowed to move back. Decision to Michael was clear-cut but it was a wing-ding of a fight that drew a shower of coins amounting to $40. In the main support over eight, Mick Ramon, 154, halted Dick Lee, 153, in the first round.

▲Al Gattling, 176, was too good for Ruby Steele, 174, and ran out a clear points winner over 10 at South Sydney Juniors, Kingsford.

▲At Albury, on the border between N.S.W. and Victoria, Reno Zurik, 174¼, finally overcame Acki Puncher, 173. This was their fifth meeting. Acki won a points decision in each of the first three, though I thought he was lucky in the third. The fourth was a draw. This time Zurik won on points. There never has been much between these two.

▲While Zurik kept going until he gained victory over Acki, the Islander himself kept going to win over Big Red Christsen, 174. Christsen was almost exhausted at the end of the 10. Puncher was a clear winner on points in a good fight.

▲Two eights headed the bill at North Sydney Leagues Club, Cammeray. In one, Benny Wayne, 147, boxing well, upended Frank Allen, 150, with a rip to the body in the fifth round. In the other, bull terrier Larry Valesini, 128, knocked out Gary Rosen, 131, in the fourth frame. Date was May 4.

▲Final result of the month comes from Manly-Warringah Leagues Club, Brookvale, April 27. Benny Wayne, 152, outpointed veteran Frank Roberts, 155.

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THE BRITISH ISLES

By RON OLVER

WHAT HAPPENED TO MINTER?

European middleweight king, Alan Minter, who was TKO'd by Ronnie Harris at the end of round eight.

Royal Albert Hall—European middleweight champion Alan Minter, 160½, was beaten by American Ronnie Harris, 156¼, the referee intervening at the end of the eighth of a scheduled ten-rounder when Minter was cut and bruised around both eyes, and his mouth was split. A pity the contest had to end this way, as although most fans conceded that Harris was ahead, Minter was still strong, and said afterwards he could have continued, and he thought he had a good chance of winning. However, the result goes down as a defeat on the Minter record, and this would seem to put to rest temporarily any hopes Alan might have had of a quick world title fight. Maybe it's all for the best, as Minter could benefit from a few more bouts before tackling Monzon The Great.

There were no knockdowns, but it was a hard, gruelling affair with Minter fighting courageously and Harris showing why he has found it difficult to get opponents.

A surprise in the first round, with Harris being warned for allegedly hitting with the inside of the glove, but there seemed to be quite a bit of power as well as accuracy as he scored with southpaw rights to the head.

Minter did his share of scoring, too, landing his own southpaw rights to his opponent's face, and on one or two occasions Harris seemed glad to hang on. Harris was proving formidable opposition. Not only could he box, but his tactics were sound, and Minter looked frustrated at times when he failed to land on the elusive American.

Alan did score with one effective right in the third round, but the American was always quick to recover, thus making it difficult to assess just how much he was hurt. In this round Minter was cut above the left eye and had a swelling under it, but didn't let up. The pace was a fast one, with little between them.

Minter had a good fourth round, crashing home two left hands to the chin, also using his right to good effect. Harris was forced to back-pedal, but was counterpunching accurately.

It wasn't until the sixth that Harris started to make his presence really felt. He set his man up with right jabs then used a whiplash following left time and again to drive his opponent back. Alan's mouth was cut, and worse was to follow, for in the seventh he was cut on the right eyebrow, and his face was showing the marks of battle. These handicaps obviously unsettled Minter, and Harris took full advantage, coming in with both gloves working and finding their targets much more easily than before. Minter gritted his teeth and stood his ground, then went on the attack, but although a little weary, Harris was able to keep out of harm's way.

Minter must have been aware that the extent of his injuries could cause a stoppage, and did his best to try and gain some supremacy at the start of the eighth. But they were still fighting on even terms, and Harris knew he held the advantage just as long as he could keep out of trouble himself. At the end of the round it didn't take referee Sid Nathan long to examine the injuries and stop the fight, in spite of protests by Alan and his manager Doug Bidwell.

Harris thus keeps his unbeaten record, and will no doubt try and get a world title fight. At 28 he looks a good contender, with the ability to box well, move quickly and keep cool under pressure. However, he does not possess a lethal punch.

Minter's injuries were stitched, and he lives to fight again. He did extremely well under a severe handicap, and has lost little in prestige by his defeat.

Brasilian Helenio Ferreita, 118½, outpointed British bantam champ Paddy Maguire, 118, by the narrowest possible margin of 97½-97 over ten rounds, and the verdict did not meet with universal approval. In spite of cuts around Maguire's eyes, he kept going and although his punches seemed to lack their usual sting he was working harder than the Brazilian, who spent long periods without doing any thing positive.

Ferreira, 33 years old and with over 100 fights under his belt, is a superbly defensive boxer. He knows all the moves, and can prove a frustrating opponent for anyone. He enjoyed letting Maguire come to him, then scoring with clever counterpunches. The Brazilian was as ever the complete showman. He remained standing between rounds, clowned a bit, for which he was warned.

With Maguire cut in several places around the eyes, the Brazilian raised the tempo in the last couple of rounds with some good right uppercuts and for almost the first time was taking the initiative.

Maguire seemed to land more punches and must be given credit for doing all the forcing up to the last two rounds. But he didn't get the referee's nod, and it was his first defeat since winning the British crown in October 1975.

Frankie Lucas, Croydon, 161, beat Southern Area middleweight champion Alec Tompkins, 161½, the bout being stopped in the sixth of a scheduled eight. Tompkins was down twice in the first round, but rallied to keep going until the sixth, when he was taking punishment and tiring rapidly.

This was an overweight bout, so Tompkins keeps his title, but former holder Lucas gave notice that he is ready to win it back.

Frankie wasted no time, dumping his man unceremoniously on the canvas after only 20 seconds, and again immediately afterwards. Tompkins managed to keep his man at bay with good jabs to the face, but in the second he was cut above the left eye.

Lucas incurred warnings for alleged misuse of the head, and again for offenced in the fourth. There after Frankie was on his best behaviour, and set his man up with hard southpaw rights before bringing over heavy right crosses.

On this performance Lucas is a match for the best.

Keith Bussey, Camberwell, 162, made it ten in a row by beating Arthur Winfield, Draycott, 167¾, the bout being stopped in the fifth after being decked twice in the fourth.

British light middleweight champion Jimmy Batten, Millwall, 152½, beat Frenchman Michel Chapier, 155½, the referee intervening in the ninth of a scheduled ten. Chapier was a trifle unsteady, but hadn't gone down, and was surprised at the stoppage. His manager thought he should have been allowed to continue, but he must have been a long way behind on points.

Southern Area featherweight champion Mark Bliss, Tottenham, 126½, could gain only a narrow points victory over substitute Lee Graham, Finchley, 122, by 79-78½ over eight. Bliss was scheduled to defend his title against Jimmy Flint, but the latter was sick.

A hard contest, with the pace a fast one. Graham did remarkably well to come so close to a share of the honors, while Bliss did his best to force it all the way.

▲De Montford Hall, Leicester—Billy Waith, Cardiff, 146¾, beat Peter Morris, Bridgnorth, 147, the bout being stopped in the seventh after Morris had taken a count of four sitting on the middle rope and not in a condition to continue. When they met previously, Waith won on points, but there was no doubt about his superiority this time.

In this first commercial promotion at Leicester for ten years it was appropriate that local favourite Tony Sibson, 162½, should score his 14th win in a row by beating substitute Bonny McKenzie, Cardiff, 164, the bout being stopped at the end of the seventh after McKenzie had been decked twice and was cut over the right eye.

Micky Bell, Leicester, 134, kayoed Steve Gaze, Bournemouth, 136, in the second after decking him for three.

Kevin Davies, Nottingham, 138, kept his unbeaten record by outpointing Ray Ross, Ardglass, 136, over eight twos, winning every round. Scoreline 80-76. Ross's left eye was injured.

Neil Malpass, Leicester, 212½, beat Johnny Clark, Wandsworth, 210, the latter being down six times before it was stopped.

Debutant Romal Ambrose, Leicester, 157, outscored Cyril Bishton, Derby, 163, over four twos by the narrow margin of 39½-39.

▲Glawgow—After over twelve month's inactivity Rab Affleck, 178½, gained a shock win by knocking out Brian Huckfield, Warley, 177, in the first round with a left-right to the jaw. It was some moments before Huckfield recovered.

Eddie Burke, Woodside, 162¼, made it five in a row by beating Joe Jackson, 163, the bout being stopped in the second after the latter had been decked for seven.

Don Hughes, Smithfield, 149, was down in the first round briefly, but rose to kayo George Kidd, Glasgow, 148, in the second after putting him on the canvas for eight.

Jim Thompson, Glasgow, 160, kayoed Dave Lightbody, Kirkcaldy, 157, in the opening round after decking him three times.

▲Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club, Bradford—Carl Bailey, Bradford, 146, outscored Terry Schofield, Durham, 148½, over eight twos by 79-78½. An excellent contest, with nobbins from the enthusiastic fans. Bailey now leads 2-1 in the series. Bailey's cleaner punching just saw him home, with Schofield not prepared to concede an inch.

Francis Hands, Liverpool, outpointed Danny McLoughlin, Manchester, 175, by 79-77½ over eight twos. A good win for Hands, who had been down twice and bled from the nose.

Chris Glover, Liverpool, 144, beat Von Reid, Birmingham, 144, the bout being stopped in the fourth after Reid had been down three times.

Ray Thomas, Liverpool 144, defeated George Dane, Doncaster, 145, the referee intervening in the fourth and final round with Dane on the receiving end. Thomas thus confirmed a previous win.

▲Templemore Sports Complex, Derry—Irish lightweight champion Charlie Nash, 134, outpointed veteran Benny Huertas, Puerto Rico, 135¾, over ten rounds. Referee Billy Duncan's scorecard of 100-97¼ was a peculiar one, as quarter-points were abolished some three years ago. Mr. Duncan was

quoted as saying that he had heard nothing about this from the British Boxing Board of Control and would carry on using quarter-points until told otherwise. Be that as it may, it was a comparatively easy victory for Nash, who used his southpaw jab to good effect and did more or less what he liked.

John Breen, Belfast, 163, repeated a previous win by outpointing Tony Monaghan, Derry, 169, by 80-79½, over eight. An untidy contest, with victory going to the better boxer.

Pat Campbell, Belfast, 137, beat debutant Gerry Burns, 136, the latter retiring at the end of the fourth, intimating to the referee that he had had enough.

Damien McDermott, Derry 127½, beat Northern Ireland champion Jim McAuley, Belfast, 128, the bout being stopped in the sixth when the latter had stopped fighting back. Debutant McDermott, former Irish amateur champ, looked better as the fight progressed, and used his southpaw jabs and left hooks to wear his man down. McAuley had been inactive for four years, and it showed.

▲Cesar's Palace, Luton—British welter champ Henry Rhiney beat Terry Petersen, Leeds, the bout being stopped in the seventh with Petersen taking punishment. Rhiney was surprisingly outpointed by Steve Angell last time out but made no mistake this time.

Both were inside 150 in this non-title affair.

Steve Angell, Hemel Hempstead, 148, kayoed substitute Jim Moore, Bradford, 151, in the third, Moore just failing to beat the count.

Roy Commosioung, Luton, 151½, defeated Brian Gregory, Doncatser, 150, who had to retire in the fourth after going down on one knee, holding his glove to his injured right eye. Gregory claimed that a thumb had caused the injury. A good scrap while it lasted.

Neil Malpass, 210, kayoed Alan Ward, Mexborough, 192, in the third after decking him twice.

▲National Sporting Club, London—Ray Cattouse, Balham, 136, outscored Billy Vivian, Tredegar, 136, over eight by 79-78, and brought his winning run to eleven after losing his pro debut. Cattouse did his best work in the early rounds, when he was quicker to the punch and more fleet of foot. He was particularly impressive with following rights to the head after the jab, and Vivian seemed a bit nonplussed.

Joe Griffin, Dartford, 165, beat Malcolm Heath, Hull, 164½, the bout being stopped in the third when the latter was cut by the left eye. Griffin looked on top at the time in this scheduled six.

Chris Walker, Retford, 142, outpointed Herbie McLean, 142, over eight by 79-78. Both were cut by the left eye. McLean showed plenty of aggression but Walker was the cleaner puncher.

Kelvin Webber, Porth, 145¾, outscored Mick Hampston, Deptford, 148, over six twos by 60-58. Webber took a hefty right in the opening session, but recovered well, and kept on top. His only lapse was in the fifth, when he was warned by misuse of the head.

▲Ebbw Vale Leisure Center—Johnny Owen, Merthyr Tydfil, took the vacant Welsh bantam crown by easily outpointing George Sutton, Cardiff, 118, over ten by 99-97½. This confirmed a previous win, and Owen was generally in command, picking his punches well, allowing his opponent to come forward and then countering effectively.

Jeff Pritchard, New Tredegar, 126, outscored Bingo Crooks, Wolverhampton, 126, over eight by 79½-77. The scoreline seemed hard on Crooks.

Billy Vivian, Merthyr 133, beat Benny McQuade Purdy, 133, who retired at the end of the opening round with a cut by the right eye.

Noel Evans, Llandeilo, drew with Jimmy Bott, Liverpool, over six. Bott was down for eight in the fourth. No weights given.

Tony Burnett, Llanbradach, 170, outscored Gtanville Lloyd, Talywain, 170, over six by 59½-58½.

Frank McCord, Cardiff, 137, outscored Philip Morris, Cefn Hengoed, 135, over four by 40-38½. Both were making their debuts.

▲Civic Hall, Barnsley—Jim Devanney, Bradford, 164, outpointed Dave Davies, Bangor, 153, over eight by 79-78½. The closest possible margin, and no wonder that there was disagreement over the result. One thing on which all the fans agreed—it was a cracking fight, and they tossed in nobbins afterwards.

Paul Clemit, Barnsley, 129¾, kayoed Richard Scarth, Malton, 131¾, in the second after decking him for nine.

Colin Rooke, Barnsley, 162¾, outscored Owen Robinson, Birmingham, 159, over six by 59½-58½.

Ian Murray, Manchester, 119, confirmed a previous win by outscoring Trevor Bromby, Bradford, 118½, over eight twos. Scoreline 79½-77½.

▲Dudley Town Hall—Former British and Commonwealth heavyweight champion Danny McAlinden, Coventry, 196, won the first bout of his comeback campaign by beating Terry O'Connor, Birmingham, 208¾. However, it was an eye injury sustained by O'Connor in the that caused the bout to be stopped in the first round.

Tony Moore, Hendon, 189, outpointed Garfield McEwan, Birmingham, 188½, over eight by 78½-78. This confirmed a previous win, but the decision was not well received by everyone. McEwan was down in the third, but staged a good recovery. Moore was cut on the left eyebrow and earned a censure for "slapping" in the fifth.

Tony Sibson, Leicester, 162, kept his unbeaten record by outpointing Steve Walker, Birmingham, 164, over eight twos by 80-76½, not losing a round.

Des Gwilliam, Birmingham, 134½, drew with Chris Glover, Liverpool, 139, over six.

Doug Ralston, Leicester, 166, outscored Tony Burnett, Cardiff, 165, over eight twos by 80-76½, not losing a round.

Roy Varden, Nuneaton, 135, kayoed Albert Coley, Birmingham, 134½, in five. In their previous meeting Roy won on points.

Coley took the count on one knee after being decked twice in the fourth. Varden was down briefly in that round.

Owen Robinson, Birmingham, 161, outpointed debutant Clint Jones, Crawley, 166, over six by 59-58. Robinson forced it throughout, and tired appreciably by the close.

▲Hove Town Hall—Tommy Kiely, Brighton, 194, made it eight successive wins by outpointing Keith Johnson, Barnsley, 190, over eight twos by 80-77½.

The result was the same when they met before, and this time Kiely was in command, not losing a round.

Barry Price, Brighton, 137, outscored Barton McAllister, Clapham, 138, over eight twos by 80-76, winning every round. McAllister was decked in the second by a left hand.

Terry Knight, Brighton, 150, outpointed Johnny Elliot, Bournemouth, 149, by 80-77½, over eight twos. An easy victory.

Mick O'Mara, Hastings, 141, boxed well to outpoint Johnny Beauchamp, Portsmouth, 144½, over six by 59½-58½.

Brian Paul, Basildon, 201, outscored Roy Johnson, Barnsley, 194 over six by 59½-58½.

Debutant Albert Smith, Barnsleyn, 172, outpointed Paul Bussette Willesden, 168 over four by 39½-39.

▲Twentieth Century Sporting Club, Southend—Bob Pallard, Tottenham, 176, outpointed Pat Thompson, Liverpool, 177, over eight twos by 79-78, a decision that certainly didn't please Pat and his mentors. Thompson worked hard to achieve success, jabbed accurately and early on looked like a winner. But Pollard kept plugging away and probably finished the stronger of the two.

Bob Mays, Islington, 157, outscored Al Neville, Tottenham, 161¾, by 59½-58½ over six.

Mick Mills, Islington, 149, beat Earl Noel, Walworth, 147, the bout being stopped in the second after Noel had been down twice.

Mick Barker, Portsmouth, 141, kayoed Marty Jacobs, Liverpool, 140, in the sixth and final round with a left uppercut.

Dave Taylor, Liverpool, 144, drew with Delvin White, Tottenham, 140, over four twos. Plenty of action, if a little short on skill.

▲Seymour Hall, London—Denton Ruddock, Camberwell, 194, retained his Southern Area heavyweight title by outpointing Ishaq Hussien, Reading, 202, over ten by 99-97. It was a clear-cut victory, in spite of a grandstand finish by Hussien who often looked as if he was poised to take over, but never did.

John Depledge, Leeds, beat Kris Smith, Sutton, 224, the bout being stopped in the third when Smith was cut over the left eye. It was the latter's first defeat in ten bouts, but his two wins over Depledge were both on disqualifications, coincidentally all three fights have ended in the third round.

Johnny Mount, Glasgow, 150, outpointed Augustus Simms, Brixton, 153½, over eight twos by 79½-78. Mount had a swelling over the left eye in the third, but did not allow it to interfere with his boxing.

Johnny Cox, Morthampton, 182, kayoed Terry Jones, Stepney, 178, in the opening round, the count continuing after the bell had ended the round. Jones had already been decked for three.

Henry Johnson, Stepney, 162½, outscored mick Evans, Bournemouth, 160½, over six by 60-58, not losing a round. Johnson did all the work, and Evans survived a shaky patch in the fifth.

▲Manor Place Baths, London—Dave Smith, Eltham, 114, kept his unbeaten record by drawing with Neil McLaughlin, Derry, 112½, in an action-packed eight-rounder.

After five years inactivity, Dave Proud, Penge, 148, came back to beat Dave Hamm, Basildon, 149, the bout being stopped in the fourth of a scheduled eight after Hamm had been down three times in that round.

Tommy Davitt, Tufnell Park, 137, outscored Barry Price, Brighton, 136¾, over eight by 78½-78. In their two previous bouts Price had won both on points.

After three years' inactivity Graham Sines, Wandsworth, 200½, easily outpointed Brian Paul, 201, by 60-57½ over six. Sines, although ring-rusty, was far too experienced, and was well on top at the close.

Winston Spencer, 136¾, outscored Pat Campbell, Belfast, 134½, over six by 60-57½.

Dave Cammiss, Eltham, 162, won every round in outpointing Mick Evans, Bournemouth, 161½ over six.

▲Ulster Hall, Belfast—Gerry Young, Belfast, outpointed Joey Mack, Birmingham, over eight by 79-78, a decision which
didn't go down too well with the fans.

Middleweight Henry Turkington, Doagh, made a successful comeback by outpointing John Breen, Belfast, over six by 60-58. If Breen had stuck to his boxing he might have done better.

Pat Campbell, beat lightweight Billy Boyd, Doagh, who was disqualified in the third for persistent "slapping."

▲Top Of The World Ballroom, Stafford—Pat Thompson, Liverpool, 178, outpointed George Gray, Aberdeen, 182, over eight by 79-78, overcoming the handicap of a cut by the left eye that needed two stitches. Professional boxing thus returned to Stafford after 43 years, and it is always encouraging to see new venues being used.

Substitute Mick Hussey, Islington, 162½, outpointed George Salmon, Stoke, 159, over eight by 78½-78, and many of the fans didn't like this verdict. But as in all close ones, the referee's nearest.

Nobbins were tossed in after Johnny Beauchamp, 145, and Dave Taylor, 145, had drawn over six fast and exciting rounds, during which the punching was non-stop.

Mick Barker, 141, boxed a draw with Steve Holdsworth, Watford, 141, also over six. Holdsworth was having his first pro fight.

Chris William, Bromley, 160, beat Mick Lock, Croydon, 163, the referee intervening in the third after Lock had been decked three times.

Mick Mills, Islington, 150, kayoed Bertie Green, Birmingham, 148, in 66 seconds with a right to the chin.

▲Anglo-American Sporting Club, London—Cornelius Boza-Edwards, Harrow, 133¾, born in Uganda, made it seven victories in a row, all inside schedule, by knocking out Billy Vivian, Tredegar, 132½, in the first round. Vivian was down when the bell ended the session, but the count continued, and Billy just couldn't make it.

Clinton McKenzie, Croydon, 141½, beat Al Stewart, Ormskirk, 145, the bout who was retired by his corner at the end of the third after he had been down twice.

Derek Simpkin, Swadlincote, 203½, beat Paul Kinsella, Liverpool, 201, who was retired by his corner at the end of the fourth.

Joe Jackson, Coventry, 173, outpointed Geoff Horton, Islington, 164¾, over six by the narrow margin of 59-58½. Another contest in which the rules were frequently broken, but the result seemed fair.

Delvin Whyte, Tottenham, 140, outscored Philip Morris, Tredegar, over four by 40-39. Whyte did the forcing, Morris the countering, but the former deserved his victory, which incidentally was his first after seven successive defeats.

▲National Sporting Club, London—Eddie Burke, Woodside, 164, made it sex in a row by beating Steve Walker, Birmingham, 164, the bout being stopped in the fourth after Walker had been down twice.

Kenny Matthews, West Ham, 129, drew with Mick Bell, Leicester, 131, over eight.

Wayne Floyd, Cranleigh, 142½, outpointed Sylvester Gordon, Peckham, 141½, over six by 60-58.

Mickey Morse, Burnt Oak, 150¾, outpointed Johnny Hamm, Basildon, 153½, over eight by 80-77. Both had been inactive, Morse for a year, Hamm for ten months.

▲Bedford—One of the most popular veterans in Britain is Barton McAllister, Clapham, 140½, who beat Don Burgin,

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COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHT

Championship
Vacant
1. Billy Aird (E)
2. Richard Dunn (E)
3. George Chuvalo (C)
4. Ngozika Ekwelum (N)
5. Fonomanu Sekona (T)
6. Denton Ruddock (J)
7. John L. Gardner (E)
8. Isaac Hussien (E)
9. Tony Moore (J)
10. Maule Haumona (T)

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion
Tony Mundine (A)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Bunny Johnson (J)
3. Tim Wood (E)
4. Victor Attivor (G)
5. Phil Martin (E)
6. Steve Aczel (A)
7. Gary Summerhays (C)
8. Baby Boy Rolle (J)
9. Joe Vella (A)
10. Al Gattling (A)

MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Monty Betham (NZ)
1. Alan Minter (E)
2. Kevin Finnegan (E)
3. Bunny Sterling (J)
4. Fernand Marcotte (C)
5. Carlos Marks (Tr)
6. Julius Luipa (Z)
7. Daniel Levesque (C)
8. Semi Bula (A)
9. Frankie Lucas (St. Lucia)
10. Gerard Bouchard (C)

LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Maurice Hope (Ant)
1. Rocky Mattioli (A)
2. Elisha Obed (Bah)
3. Jean-Claud Leclair (C)
4. Jimmy Batten (E)
5. Johnny Holt (A)
6. Ayub Kalule (Ug)
7. Neil Pattel (A)
8. Sammy Barr (Bah)
9. Larry Paul (E)
10. Pat Thomas (J)

WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Clyde Gray (C)
1. Dave Green (E)
2. John H. Stracey (E)
3. Henry Rhiney (J)
4. Steve Dennis (A)
5. Achille Mitchell (E)
6. Billy Waith (W)
7. Kirkland Laing (J)
8. Johnny Pincham (E)
9. Chris Clarke (C)
10. Steve Angell (E)

LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Hector Thompson (A)
1. Martin Beni (Papua)
2. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
3. Des Morrison (J)
4. Ross Eadie (A)
5. Gaeton Hart (C)
6. Herbie McLean (S)
7. Kerry Bell (A)
8. Chris Davies (W)
9. Chris Walker (E)
10. Billy Mulholland (A)

LIGHTWEIGHT

Champion
Jonathan Dele (N)
1. Jim Watts (S)
2. Charlie Nash (I)
3. Barry Michael (A)
4. Andy Broome (A)
5. Matt Ropis (A)
6. Lachie Austin (A)
7. Colin Powers (E)
8. Johnny Claydon (E)
9. Len Blackmore (Guy)
10. Fitzroy Guiseppe (Tr)

FEATHERWEIGHT

Championship
Vacant
1. David Kotey (G)
2. Art Hafey (C)
3. Alan Richardson (E)
4. Les Pickett (W)
5. Vernon Sollas (S)
6. Merv Wockner (A)
7. Dave Needham (E)
8. Bingo Crooks (J)
9. Eddie Ndukwu (N)
10. Jeff Pritchard (W)

BANTAMWEIGHT

Champion
Sulley Shittu (G)
1. Paul Ferreri (A)
2. Paddy Maguire (I)
3. Brian Roberts (A)
4. Wayne Evans (E)
5. Paddy Graham (I)
6. Guinea Hillier (A)
7. Steve Walker (A)
8. Johnny Owen (W)
9. John Kellie (S)
10. George Sutton (W)

FLYWEIGHT

Champion
Patrick Mambwe (Z)
1. John McCluskey (S)
2. Charlie Brown (A)
3. Steve Bell (A)
4. (Dave Smith (E)
(Neil McLaughlin (I)

Billy Moeller (A) is the Junior lightweight champion. There is no official contender at present.

WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Muhammad Ali beat Alfredo Evangelista, 15, (Retained world heavyweight title).
Ken Norton kayoed Duane Bobick in 1.
Lucien Rodriguez beat Jean Pierre Coopman in 15. (Won EBU heavyweight title).
Alfio Righetti beat Mario Baruzzi, 12.
David Wynne stopped Paul Murray in 3.
Rick Mills kayoed Kelly Perkins in 3.
David Plisko kayoed Bill Baker in 5.
Tommy Kieley beat David Fry in 8 rounds.
Lucien Rodriguez kayoed Arno Prick in 2.
Jimmy Pearish decisioned Wayne Lewis in 4.
Lissoko Abibobele won over Burghard Lembke in 6.
Tommy Kieley beat Keith Johnson in 8.
Denton Ruddock beat Ishaq Hussien in 10.
Tony Moore defeated Garfield McEwan in 8 rounds.
Danny McAlinden kayoed Terry O'Connor in 1 round.
Jose Iniguez won over Jose Antonio Galvez, 8.
Bernd August stopped Henny Thoonen, 3.
Akira Saito knocked out Tom Hargis, 1.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Miguel Cuello stopped Jessie Burnett in 9. (Vacant WBC lightheavyweight title).
Lonnie Bennett KO'ed Alvaro Lopez, 3.
Mike Rossman stopped Mike Quarry in 6.
Edgar Wallace kayoed Glen Morgan in 2.
Norman Sweeney kayoed Budda Brooks in 4.
Alek Penarski beat Pat Thompson in 10.
Bunny Johnson kayoed Tim Wood in 1.
Matt Ross kayoed Otis Gordon in 5.
Tony McMinn kayoed Mickey Banks in 10.
Kevin Smith kayoed Sixto Martinez in 1.
Bob Pollard decisioned Pat Thompson in 8.
Aldo Traversaro knocked out Daniel Markle, 3.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Bennie Briscoe stopped Jean Mateo in 10.
Dan Veskovic beat Larry Myers in 5.
Leni Vanisi beat Leroy Danford in 6 rounds.
Georges Cotin drew against Roland Cazeaux in 8.
Per Mullertz beat Jose Maria Martin in 6 rounds.
Tony Sibson decisioned Steve Walker in 8 rounds.
Frankie Lucas kayoed Alec Tompkins in 6 rounds.
Angelo Jacopucci beat Gabrielle Lazzari, 8.
Edgar Wallace beat Chucho Garcia, 10.
Jim Devanney beat Dave Davies, 8.
Ronnie Harris stopped Alan Minter, 9.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Maurice Hope decisioned Frank Wissenback, 15. (Retained EBU Jr. middleweight title).
Alvin Anderson beat Bill Goodwin, 10.
Kenny Croom beat Leni Vanisi in 5.
Julio Gomez beat Mike Avans in 10.
Pol Payen decisioned Gerard Breton in 8.
Jim Moore kayoed Liam White in 7.
Ben Sanchez kayoed Ray McLinn in 1.
Killer Killeen kayoed Tom Nelson in 1.
Michael Chapier decisioned Charlie Cooper in 10.
Ben Sanchez kayoed Ricky Hart in 4.
Tony Lopez decisioned Jose Pagan Rivera in 8 rounds.
Bob Patterson kncoked out Curtis Phillips in 5.
Jose Luis Pacheco drew with Kevin White in 8.
Shaco Mamba kayoed Michel Stini in 6.
Joel Bonnetaz beat Emile Griffith, 10.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Pete Ranzany stopped Bruce Finch in 5.
Greg Stephens stopped Bert Lee in 2.
Manny Romain beat Boysie Francis in 8.
Terry Schofield beat Carl Bailey in 8.
Mick Minter won over Nick Barker in 8.
Kirkland Laing drew with Peter Morris in 10.
Francesco Gallo decisioned Fernandez Gualberto in 6.
Steve Couple kayoed Tom Nelson in 1.
Augusto Lauri drew with Vittorio Tamburrini in 6.
Erkki Meronen stopped Juan De Dios in 1.
Louis Acaries kayoed Luciano Laffranchi in 7.
Chaid Ringo beat Dominique Cella in 8.
Pol Payen knocked out Alan Salmon in 6.
Alain Ruocco decisioned Yannick Blandin, 10.
Mario Guillotti kayoed Antonio Casado, 7.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT

Lachie Austin Kayoed Hector Thompson in 15. (British and Commonwealth title).
Jimmy Heair kayoed Rudy Hernandez in 3.
David "Boy" Green stopped John Stracey in 10. (British welterweight title).
Ramiro Bolanos knocked out Victor Abraham in 6.
Shengsak Muangsurin kayoed Guts Ishimatsu (Suzuki), 6.
Bruno Freschi kayoed Gianbittista Capretti in 8.
Jesus Rodriguez De La Rosa stopped Peperito Jiminez in 2.
Sadi Saadli kayoed Carlos Jose Diaz in 3 rounds.
Juan Jose Giminez stopped Luis Ribeiro, 7.
Jean Claude Sider knocked out by Giancarlo Usai, 2.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Perico Fernandez kayoed Jean P. Younsi in 5.
Clinton McKenzie decisioned Fernand Roelands in 8.
Jose Valencia beat Moses Armas in 5 rounds.
Jonathan Dele kayoed Hogan Jimoh in 10.
Tommy Duffy decisioned Benny McQuade in 8.
Barry Price beat Don Burgin in 8 rounds.
Fulvio Giacomini won over Renzo Battistelli in 8.
Bill Pearish stopped Duke Garcia in 4.
Rufus Miller stopped Ron Mayweather in 3.
Benito Jiminez knocked out L.C. Mack in 1 round.
Barry Price won over Barton McAllister in 8.
Giancarlo Usai knocked out Jean Claude Sider, 2.
Antonio Puddu stopped Giovanni Mairona, 6.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Alfredo Escalera stopped Carlos Becerril in 8. (Retained WBC Jr. lightweight title).
Tyrone Everett stopped Delfino Rodriguez in 4.
Franco Benes won over Pasquale Arini in 6.
Nino Jiminez stopped Adolfo Osses, 4.
Gerald Hayes knocked out Manuel Lujan, 1.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Yum-Dong Kyun beat Jose Cervantes in 15. (Retained WBC super bantam title).
Wilfredo Gomez stopped Yum-Dong Kyun in 12. (Gained WBC super bantam title).
Pedro Jiminez beat Michele Siracusa in 15. (EBU featherweight title).
Elio Cotina beat Pasqualino Morbidelli in 8.
Warren Matthews stopped Willie Donahue in 4.
Rodolfo Martinez kayoed Mike Ayala in 7.
David Poison Kotey stopped Bill Wade in 1.
Johnny Jenson kayoed Memin Vega in 8.
Manuel Castellanos beat Fidel Fraijo in 10 rounds.
Pablo Melendez kayoed Francisco Maldonado in 5.
Nino Jiminez won over Michel Lefebvre in 8.
Perico Fernandez kayoed Jean Pierre Younsi in 5.
Mark Bliss defeated Lee Graham in 8.
Cecilio Lastra kayoed Yusseff Tavla, 3.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Wilfredo Gomez stopped Yum-Dong Kyun in 12. (Won WBC Super Bantam Title).
Raul Tirada knocked out Jorge Altamirano in 7.
Paddy Maguire was stopped by Alberto Sandoval in 3.
Robert Ruvaldino kayoed Socrates Batato in 2.
Sean O'Grady kayoed Tony Sanchez in 2.
Baby Kid Chocolate lost to Cubano Hernandez in 10.
Alberto Davila beat Carlos Alciavar in 10.
Oscar Muniz beat Mario Chavez in 6.
Sean O'Grady kayoed Chango Guillen in 1.
Fernando Sanchez lost to Johnny Britt in 4.
Juan Francisco Rodriguez drew with Laurent Grimbert in 8.
Frankie Duarte knocked out Jorge Carrasco, 9.
Carlos Zarate knocked out Alfonso Zamora, 4. (Non-title).

FLYWEIGHTS

Gutty Espadas kayoed Alfonso Lopez in 13. (WBA flyweight title) retained.
Yoko Gushiken won over Rigoberto Marcano in 15. (Retained the WBA Jr. flyweight title).
Tony Fernandez beat Enrique Estrada in 6.
Dave Ramalho beat Pedro Martinez in 6.
David Ramalho beat Aurelio Sanchez in 6 rounds.
Jose Cantero decisioned Manuel Carrasco in 12. (Retained Spanish flyweight title).
Johnny Britt decisioned Fernando Sanchez in 4.
Christian Martin decisioned Nessim Zebelini in 12. (Retained French flyweight title).
Alfredo Mulas beat Salvatori Laconi, 6.

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ALI BEATS EVANGELISTA

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moving in and out and doing his rope-a-dope trick.

Evangelista won the fifth and the seventh rounds. The fifth he chased Ali, who then used the rope-a-dope. Alfredo did no real damage, but he scored enough to get credit for the round.

The seventh was Alfredo's biggest. He landed some good shots to the body as Ali clowned around and tried to make a fool out of the boy from the Spain. . .but the crowd wasn't laughing.

The rest of the bout is not worth wasting paper on. Ali won, but he didn't look good doing it. Evangelista tried, but he was just not in the same class.

The scoring went like this: Judges Terry Moore and Ray Klingmeyer had it 71-64, referee Harry Cecchini 71-65, all for Ali. Muhammad's monies come to 2.5 million, Alfredo's, $80,000.

A crowd of 12,000 was announced with over 3,000 tickets given away by Ali to local groups. It cost the champ over $200,00 of his purse.

W.B.C junior lightweight king Alfredo Escalera, Puerto Rico, found Mexican Carlos Becerril a tough taco. The champ needed eight rounds to put the Mexican away. The end came at 38 seconds of the eight round with Alfredo landing a hard right to the head.

It was a tough bout from the start. Becerril kept coming, taking everything Escalera had to offer. Carlos had a cut from the third round on. Escalera received a cut over his left eye in the same round. The crowd loved the fight filled with a lot of action. The outcome was never in question, but Becerril did look better then anyone thought he would. After the kayo Carlos received medical attention from the commission doctor and regained consciousness and left the ring under his own power.

World lightweight champion Roberto Duran looked like anything but his usual powerful self as he pitched a shutout against Los Angeles' Javier Muniz, the brother of welter Armando Muniz, over ten slow and DULL rounds in a non-title contest.

Duran, way out of shape at 142, tried to take Muniz, 138, out, but his punches lacked the speed and power that he has when he weights in at 135. Muniz, on the other hand, looked like the winner at the end of the bout, with a smile on his face. He was happy to last the distance, a moral victory of sorts as was on the deck in round one. Most felt Javier would not last more than a few rounds. To be fair to Duran, he's been inactive of late due to an accident in Panama in which a leg was injured.

The three officials called the bout 50-39, 49-40 and 50-39, by a five-point must system used in Maryland.

Philadelphia junior lightweight Tyrone Everett, who lost a close nod to Escalera last year, scored a one-sided kayo over Mexico's Delfino Rodriguez. The end came at 1:34 of the fourth, a TKO victory.

In another heavyweight contest Jody Ballard won an eight nod over Dave Wilson, Hartford, Connecticut. Ballard is from Houston and scored the only knockdown of the fight.

In two other heavyweight contests, Ira Martin, Baltimore, scored a third round kayo over John Blaine, Hartford, Connecticut, and Wendell Bailey, Baltimore, stopped Alec Carr, Hartford, Connecticut, in two.

What's next for the winners? Ali was covered earlier. Duran has Edwin Viruet next in Panama City, Panama; Alfredo Escalera will box Tyrone Everett in Puerto Rico (both of the above bouts are title contests) and Evangelista goes back to Spain for a shot at Lucien Rodriguez for the E.B.U. heavyweight title. Alfredo has already kayoed Rodriguez in 1976.

[Ed. Note: Tyrone Everett was shot to death in Philadelphia, so Escalera's next defense will come from a list which includes the W.B.C.'s Alexis Arguello and Rafael Limon, and W.B.A. champion and fellow countryman Samuel Serrano.]

BOUCHARD LIFTS TITLE FROM MARCOTTE

By FRANK ALLNUTT

MONTREAL—In just over a month the third Canadian championship changed hands when Gerald Bouchard (Montreal), 155¼, won a split decision over Fernand Marcotte, Jr. after twelve rounds for the Canadian middleweight championship. Marcotte who came in at 158 was the favorite to regain his title, but in Bouchard he met a boxer who was in superb condition with the desire to win, a deciding factor in his upset win. Bouchard who went into the fight with a record of 13 wins and one draw in his last fourteen bouts was the aggressor from the initial bell, his aggressive two fisted style of fighting proved to be too much for Marcotte to cope with. Marcotte nailed his challenger with his best shots which scored for him a couple of knockdowns and a standing eight count during the fight. Shaking off the effects of these blows Bouchard was right back again boring in on the champion. In the final rounds the challenger appeared to be very strong. At the final bell to end a great championship fight the official cards read 57-56, 56-54 for Bouchard with the tied one at 56-55 for Marcotte. At the conclusion of the bout and after the decision had been announced Fernand Marcotte, Jr. at the age of 28 with a record of 46-36-7-3 announced his retirement. A hasty decision and due no doubt to his surprising loss. Gerald Bouchard the new champion has a record of 25-11-2 and is twenty four years old.

The semi-final bout on the card saw the return of Roy Johnson (Montreal), 151¼, who scored an impressive win over Marc Gervais (Hull) 155¼. The end came at 2.0 of the fifth round with Johnson decking Gervais for the full count. The bout was scheduled for eight rounds.

In six round bouts at the lightweight limit Cleveland Denny (Montreal), 137, won a unanimous decision over Willie Davis (Connecticut) 140¾. Arthur Jones (Montreal), 137, won a split decision over Michel Rouleau (Montreal), 136¾. In a middleweight six Alain Turenne (Montreal), 151¼, scored a six round K.O. over Rick Zarbatany (Montreal), 159. The time 2.56 of the final round.

▲**TORONTO**—The latest release of Canadian ratings as released by the Canadian Professional Boxing Federation list the following champions. Heavyweight, George Chuvalo (Toronto). Light Heavyweight, Gary Summerhays (Brantford). Middleweight, Gerald Bouchard (Montreal). Welterweight, Guerrero Chavez, (Montreal). Lightweight, Jean Lapointe (Montreal). Other divisions' championships vacant.

▲**TORONTO**—Nicky Furlano (Toronto, 131, won an eight round decision over Tony Johnson (Columbus), 134. This was Furlano's sixth win in a row. Johnson now has a 11-5-2 record.

▲**QUEBEC CITY**—Jean Claude Leclair (Montreal) was given a surprise when he had to fight hard all the way to win a ten round decision over Domingo Ortiz (New Jersey) at the middleweight limit. In the semi final middleweight set-to Bonifacio Avila, the former Colombian boxer now fighting out of Montreal, K.O.ed. Don Melosh (New York) in the third round. The bout was scheduled for ten. Local boxers J. Fillion and C. Gauthier put on the best fight of the night. Both went at it for the full ten rounds with Gauthier coming on strong in the final rounds to gain the nod from the officials.

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VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT

By Harry Warren

JIM Balulevich, one of the busiest people on the veteran boxing beat, an officer of the New Jersey Hall of Fame, was founded by Adrian Bailey and now has Charley Spina as its hard working president. Jim founded the Museum and Hall of Fame in Washington D.C., and its Chairman is the most capable Marty Gallagher, the same former fighter who knocked out Two-Ton Tony Galento in the 12th round at Washington in 1934. THE RING magazine had Marty ranked 7th best heavyweight in 1934. This writer fround some very interesting anecdotes about Marty. He was a sparring partner for the great Jack Dempsey, he scored a convincing win over Art Malay of Chicago, and he beat the great Frenchman Andre Langlet when Joe Vaccarelli stopped the bout. Damon Runayn named Marty, "Spoiler Gallagher." He was champion Joe Louis's chief sparring partner in preparation for Tommy Farr at the Pomton Lakes training camp in New Jersey. Before retiring as a pro and taking the boxing coach position at Georgetown University, he fought the fabulous John Henry Lewis. Marty is now chairman of the Washington D.C. Boxing Hall of Fame. A good man at the helm. . . .

Saw my VBA, Ring 8, pal Billy Graham. He looks fit and well, and is doing a great job as Ambassador for Seagram in Manhattan. Billy, who beat just about everybody in his welter division, known as unofficial champion, has just completed a training course by the New York State Athletic Commission and received his Referee's license from Chairman James A. Farley, Jr. . . . Former world featherweight champion Petey Scalzo, retired from the N.Y. State Athletic Commission as Chief Inspector and moved to Miami Beach, Florida, where he was recently honored by Hank Kaplan's VBA, Ring 31, of South Florida. . . .

Former welter great Gabe Terronez is now a boxing inspector with the California Boxing Commission, the state where he made his name. . . .

Former lightweight Ray Lunny 3rd, is now involved with the Real Estate business. . . .

Joe Ryder was household name on Manhattan's Eastside. He was a contender for the 135-pound title. Much has happened since the day he fought and beat Sid Terris, the former champion. Now he has a son, a polititon in Brooklyn, who is also a household name. Frank Gargiello, Joe's son, is the Republican Leader of the 52nd Assembly District, Brooklyn. It's no surprise for me to learn that he has a former world middleweight champion as one of his members. Ben Jeby, the former hard-punching middleweight champion, is the First-Vice President of the Republican Club in Brooklyn. . . .

My longtime friend, veteran-trainer Ray Arcel is mighty proud of his charge, lightweight champion Roberto Duran. Panama, likewise, is mighty proud to have Ray Arcel train her champion. The country bestowed her greatest award, the "Gold Medal of Honor," upon him. It was presented to Ray at a magnificent ceremony in Panama by General Omar Terrijos. . . . Saw gladiator of the ring Stanley Poreda at a dinner recently. Stanley looks fine and is very active with the VBA, Ring 14, which he founded. This former heavyweight beat former champions Tommy Loughran and Primo Carnera, whom Stanely beat in Newark. Champion Jack Sharkey chose to fight the loser for his title defense in 1935—the Ambling Ape WON. Poreda defeated Loughran in Philadelphia—with Jack Dempsey as the referee in 1934, the same year that he defeated Ernie Schaff, John Risco and Babe Hunt. Yes—Poreda was born a few years too soon. . . .

Preparations going ahead to give marvelous Ring Publication scribe Sam Taub a fantastic party for his 91st birthday on September 10. . . .

Ben Jeby, former middleweight king is looking for talent to manage. He feels it will be good for him to become involved with a couple of fighters who he would personally train. . . . Pete Lello, a popular fighter around the arenas of Chicago in the 40's, is celebrating his 25th year with the Automatic Electric Company in the windy city. . . . Bert Borkan, former heavyweight champion of the United States Marine Corps, a member of VBA, Ring 8, is on the executive committee of the New York Police Benevolent Association. . . . Former editor of British Boxing News, founder of the British Boxing Writers Club and a contributor to countless newspapers and magazines is Gilbert Odd. A former member of the British Boxing Board of Control, former chairman of the Boxers Benevolent Fund. He has written a magnificent book which would appeal to every boxing fan, entitled *The Fighting Blacksmith* the autobiography of Britain's former triple world champion, Robert Fitzsimmons.

Available through the Ring Bookshop, it is the only authentic book published with Fitzsimmonds life in detail. . . .

Midget Herman was his boxing name. He was born in Orange, New Jersey, December 30, 1905, as Herman Campanelli. He was amateur at 12, a pro at 16, made his debut at Orange Armory. Grew from feather to a welter, and retired in 1933. Fought Al Clitty, champion of England to a 12-round draw. In 1927 he became New Jersey lightweight champion when he beat Bobby Amster at Newark Armory. Won 120 out of 130 fights. His wife, Marie, is proud of their four children and 14 grandchildren. Midget is a member of the executive committee if VBA Ring 102. . . .

Bill Daly the New Jersey fight manager who now is a top notch promoter in Puerto Rico brought over a heavyweight from England in the early 50's by the name of Clarence Henry. A better than average fighter. Please contact this column-wherever you are. . . .

Major Tom Fletcher of the British Army Physical Training Corps writes to this column: "Can you pass on my humble request for momentos for our museum, regardless if it's about P.T. or sports or boxing, we would like to have it." All acknowledgements will be sent a personal letter by the Major. Books, training and instruction books, photos, posters, etc, would be gratefully accepted. O.K. Major—hope the readers will come through for you. Write—Army School of P.T. Queens Avenue, Aldershot. Hants, England. . . . Would Trainer and Manager in Los Angeles—Norman Lockwood drop a line to this column. . . . Joe Shannon stepped down as president of National V.B.A., and former treasurer Bernie Manoff took over after a unanimous vote. Clint Davidson became first VP, Jimmy Clinch of New Britain, and Mike Mittman of Allentown were chosen as Second VP and Third VP, respectfully. Odin Dudrich, of Passaic, will continue as recording secretary. Charlie Nevins, former Phillie flyweight, is to be treasurer. Regional Directors were appointed as follows: Hank Kaplan of Miami and South Florida; Sully Sullivan of Montreal, Canada; Eddie Swider, of Syracuse, for Central New York; Louis Noah Forman will continue as Attorney and Executive Secretary, with offices as 1540 Broadway, New York 10036. The Convention was held at Philadelphia and proved to be a success. . . .

Jimmy Murray, the former light and welterweight, is in Snapper Creek Nursing Home, 9200 S.W. 87th Street, Miami Beach. . . . Former lightweight champ Jimmy Goodrich and his wife recently celebrated their 54th year of marriage by driving from Fort Myers Beach to Miami Beach (300 miles) to be with members of VBA, Ring 31. Hank Kaplan's happy group of exringsters gave them a rousing welcome. . . .

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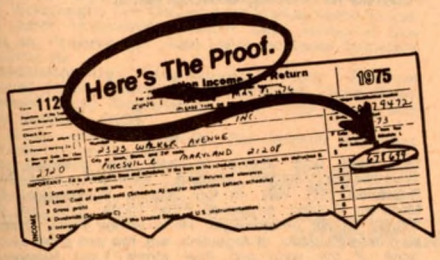

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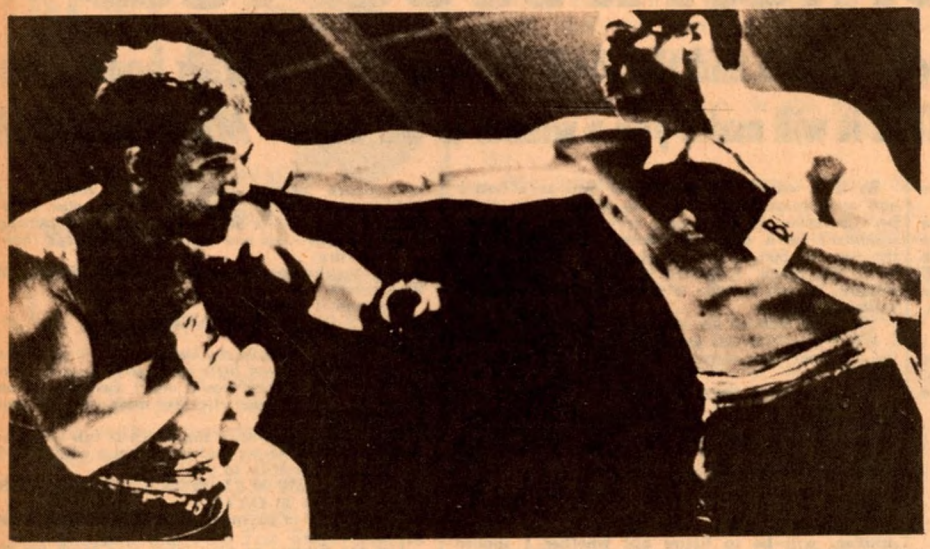

Rodriguez Wins, Parlov, Hope Keep EBU Crowns

European light heavyweight king Mate Parlov, Yugoslavia, outpointed Swiss based Spaniard Francois Fiol over 15 rounds in Mores, Switzerland.

BERLIN. At Antwerp, Lucien Rodriguez (25) gave France its first European heavyweight crown since Georges Carpentier reigned 1913-1922. Rodriguez dethroned the reigning champion, Jean Pierre Coopman, of Belgium, winning on points over fifteen rounds. This was the 44th meeting between a Frenchman and a Belgian with the French boxer winning 23, losing 18 and drawing 3. The heavyweight division has provided us with 87 bouts and Rodriguez is its 34th champion.

At Mores, in Switzerland, 3000 or more fans saw European light heavyweight champion Mate Parlov (28), Yugoslavia, retain his crown by clearly outpointing Swiss based Spaniard, Francois Fiol, over fifteen rounds. Parlov may find himself having to move up with the heavies because of weight difficulties. Twice he had to go to the scales beofre making the 79.3 kg. limit. Fiol never really found an answer to Parlov's southpaw stance. The officials all voted in favor of Parlov, 149-144, 150-139, cut right eye in round five was a handicap for Fiol. Parlov picked up a purse of 70,000 Swiss Francs.

The light heavyweight division has seen 88 title fights and Parlov is the 39th champion. Parlov won his title on July 10, 1976, when he beat Italian, Domenico Adinolfi, TKO11, and then Mate made a successful defense against Aldo Traversaro, Italy.

German, Erich Campe (65), who won a silver medal at the Los Angeles Olympics in 1932, died recently.

Hamburg—in a bout between European junior middleweight champion Maurice Hope, Great Britain, and the 20-year-old German challenger, Frank Wissenbach, Hope won on points over fifteen rounds, and my scorecard read Hope 9 rounds, Wissenbach 3, with 3 even. Unfortunately for the German there was no prize awarded for guts and gameness; only the crowd appreciates a good loser. It was clear to all that Wissenbach met Hope just a year too soon. Hope, although brilliant, was not quite so sharp as he was when he met and drew with WBC champion, Eckhard Dagge, on March 15 last in Berlin. Had Wissenbach faced Hope that evening the German would probably have been stopped inside the distance. In the sixth Wissenbach hurt his right hand, but this of course cannot be put forward as an excuse for defeat, but naturally it was a handicap. Wissenbach was the first to admit that he had lost to a better man.

This battle of the southpaws became a little monotonous with every round following the same pattern. Wissenbach was there fighting his heart out, but taking far too many punches about the face from Hope. The German possessed no real punch to keep the Britain from constantly coming forward.

Hope found Wissenbach an awkward opponent, not being able to reach him as he would have liked to. The German is without a doubt a future European or perhaps a world champion. At the age of 20 he need not despair; time is on his side. Wissenbach was less than a pound heavier than Hope and stood only three inches taller.

Promoter Wilfred Schulz with his "Gala Show 77" deserves unlimited praise for his efforts. Guys like him and Willi Zeller, together with a number of small promoters here in Germany who frequently lose money, keep the sport alive, and without them boxing in this country would have died a natural death several years ago.

YUGOSLAVIA

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▲**Morges**—European light heavyweight champion, Mate Parlov, retained his crown outpointing Francois Fiol, Spain, over fifteen rounds. French light heavyweight champion Robert Amory beat Yvan Matekovic, Yugoslavia, who retired in round eight.

DENMARK

▲**Copenhagen**—Ayub Kalule, Uganda, based in Copenhagen, beat Aldo Olivares, of Venezuela, in the main event. After half a dozen punishing rounds the brave and game Olivares failed to answer the bell for the seventh. Junior welterweight. Hans Henrik Palm, Denmark, outscored former European featherweight champion Gitano Jimenez, Spain, six. Jorgen Hansen, Denmark, kayoed Carlos Almeida, Portugal, in one round which could have hardly been a warm up bout for the Dane who now faces European Marco Scano. Welterweight. Erkki Meronen, Finland, kayoed Juan de Dios, Spain, in one round. Light heavyweight. Mustapha Wassaja, Uganda, making his professional debut kayoed Juan Hidalgo, Spain, in one round. Middleweight. Per Mullertz decisioned Maria Martin, Spain, six.

▲**Copenhagen**—Uganda's, Ayub Kalule, based in Copenhagen, won his ninth professional fight beating Jose Luis Duran of Argentina (but living in Italy), in seven rounds before a crowd of nearly three thousand. At the end of round five the third man was called to Duran's corner to inspect an eye injury, but the visitor was instructed to come out for the sixth. With two minutes and five seconds gone of round seven the towel was thrown to halt this onesided affair. Welterweight. Jorgen Hansen, Denmark, beat Nicola Sassanelli (31), Italy, in four rounds. Welterweight. Erkki Meronen, Finland, outscored Efisio Pinna, Italy, over eight rounds. Junior welterweight. Hans Henrik Palm, Denmark, beat Jose Sanchez, of Argentina, with two and a half seconds gone of the sixth and final round. Light heavyweight. Mustapha Wassaja, Uganda, beat Giancarlo Mezzadra, Italy, in round two. Middleweight. Per Mullertz, narrowly outscored Giuseppe Borghi, Italy, over six rounds.

FRANCE

▲**Rheims**—Michel Chapier beat Charlie Cooper, TKO10.

▲**Sedan**—Light heavyweight. Gerald Bois outscored Horst Lang, eight.

▲**Amiens**—Heavyweight. Jean Belval and Fausto Costantino drew their six rounder.

▲**Paris**—Middleweight. Bennie Briscoe beat Jean Mateo, TKO10. Peter Assandoh beat Jules Bellaiche, TKO5. Junior welterweight. Claude Lormeau beat Hugh Smith, TKO4. Junior middleweight. Gilbert Cohen outscored Michel Chapier, ten.

▲**Tarbes**—Welterweight. Louis Acaries beat Luciano Laffranchi, TKO07.

▲**Dunkirk**—Junior welterweight. Jo Kimpuani beat Jesse Lara, KO3. Westerweight. Mickey Ryce beat Guy Vercoutter, TKO2. Junior welterweight. Dan M'Putu outpointed Chris Davies, six.

▲**Saint Dizier**—Christian Martin held on to his French flyweight title outscoring Messim Zebilini, twelve.

▲**Toulon**—Frenchman Alain Ruocco outscored southpaw welterweight Steve Angell, Great Britain, over ten rounds.

▲**Calais**—Light heavyweight. Phil Martin, of Great Britain, beat southpaw Frenchman Yannick Dufour in three rounds. Dufour took a count of nine, and on going down a second time the towel was thrown in.

▲**Sedan**—Light heavyweight. Gerald Bois, France, knocked out Rab Affleek, of Scotland, in round two with a hard right.

SPAIN

▲**Victoria**—Bantamweight. Angel Oliver outscored Francisco Rodriguez, eight.

▲**Bilbao**—Welterweight. Horacio Ruiz outpointed Jacques van Mallaerts, eight. Heavyweight. Sugar Silex outscored Quintana Trujillo, eight.

▲**Santander**—In a Spanish featherweight title fight Cecilio Lastra outpointed Isidoro Cabeza, twelve. Bantamweight. Esteban Eguia decisioned Moro Rodriguez, eight.

▲**Huelva**—Jose Cantero retained his Spanish junior light title outscoring Manuel Carrasco, twelve.

▲**Mataro**—Junior middleweight. Jose Hernandez outscored Abel Massaoud, eight.

▲**Barcelona**—Junior welterweight. Perico Fernandez beat Jean Pierre Younsi, TKO5. Sanchez Chino outscored Jean Claude Sider, eight.

▲**Madrid**—Featherweight. Nino Jimenez decisioned Michel Lefebvre, eight. Juan Rodriguez outscored Laurent Grimbert, six. Junior lightweight. Carlos Hernandez outscored Alain Lefol, six.

AUSTRIA

▲**Vienna**—Welterweight. Frank Albertus outscored Ludwig Kammerhofer, six. Junior middleweight. Franz Dorfer drew his

four rounder with Mehmed Besli.

▲**Bregenz**—Junior middleweight. Wa Bukasa, Zaire, surprisingly outscored local matador Josef Tiger Pachler, ten. Junior welterweight. Christian Sittler and Branko Barakovic drew their four rounder.

ITALY

▲**Turin**—Bantamweight. Jose Hernandez Cornejo outscored Tarcisio Boi, eight. Junior welterweight. Franco Gallo beat Gianfranco Cianconi, TKO1.

▲**Rome**—Welterweight. Enzo Moruzzi outscored Luigi Martello eight. Middleweight. Luciano Sardini and Mariano Salamone drew their six rounder.

▲**Rimini**—Alfio Righetti won the Italian heavyweight crown outscoring champion Dante Cane, twelve. Heavyweight. Giuseppe Cattanej decisioned Ferruccio Mazzardi, eight. Welter. Pierangelo Pira beat Nicola Marocco, TKO1. Bantamweight. Mario Oliva and Lucio Vailati drew their six rounder.

▲**Rieti**—Salvatore Liscapade held on to his Italian junior lightweight title outscoring Biagio Pierri, twelve.

▲**Milan**—Lightweight. Vincenzo Quero outscored Giuseppe Agate, eight. Middleweight. Matteo Salvemini outpointed Giuseppe Panunzio, six. Lightweight. Gregorio Ciancaglioni beat Abas Macauley, TKO3.

▲**Cagliari**—Featherweight. Natale Caredda outscored Carlo Frasinetti, eight.

▲**Piacenza**—Heavyweight. Vincenzo Pesapane beat Danny Machado, TKO4.

▲**Udine**—Bruno Freshi beat Giambattista Capretti to win the vacant Italian junior welterweight title.

▲**Brescia**—Middleweight. Elia Bettinzoli outscored Walter Guerneiri, eight.

▲**Milan**—Middleweight. Roberto Benacquista decisioned Gianni Mingardi, eight.

BELGIUM

▲**Antwerp**—Lightweight. Miguel Molleda beat Rudi Haeck, KO1. Welterweight. Dirk DeClerk beat Manuel Acedo Trujillo, KO3. Junior middleweight. Hendryk Seys decisioned Gus Bleus, six. Featherweight. Alain LeFol decisioned lightweight Bouachiba, six.

▲**Anderiecht**—Light heavyweight. Freddy DeKerpel outscored Robert Amory, ten. Welterweight. Chaid Ringo decisioned Armin Ringlishacher, eight. Jean Simos beat Branko Barakovic, TKO5.

▲**Leuven**—Junior welterweight. Ben Mimoun and Ilmaz Refik drew their six rounder.

▲**Verviers**—Middleweight. Shako Mamba beat Michel Stini who retired with a cut eye in the sixth. Michel Parent outscored Jean Pierre Heirman, six.

SWITZERLAND

▲**Geneva**—Jean Pierre Luzolanu outscored Jean Marie Ackermann, six. Welterweight. Walter Blaser was taken out of his fight with Ernesto Bergamesco in round six. Both eyes were cut and bleeding badly.

GERMANY

▲**Munich**—Over two thousand fans saw a boxing show staged in a circus tent in Munich. Co-promoters' Hans Staudinger (35) and Ottmar Graf (38) main event should have been a German middleweight title defense by Frank Reiche against Wolfgang Gans, but the champion went to the hospital with a septic eye. Wolfgang fans faced Clemente Tshinza, Zaire, over ten rounds and lost on points. German heavyweight hope George Butzbach, who remains undefeated in six professional bouts, outscored veteran Horst Lang over six rounds. Middleweight. George Steinherr won his fourth pro start with a decision over Mehmed Besli, Turkey, six. German welterweight champion, Jorg Eipel, beat Rene Deharchies, Luxembourg, KO5. Light heavyweight. Avenamar Peralta, Spain, drew his eight rounder with Italian Ennio Cometti. Light heavyweight. Louis Pergaud Ngatcho outscored Christiano Cavina, Italy, six.

▲**Saarbrucken**—Less than a thousand attended a promotion staged by H. Nitschke. Junior middleweight. Jean Andre Emmerich, Germany, decisioned Jean Claude Warusfel, France, over ten rounds. Heavyweight George Butzbach, Germany, scored his fifth victory in the paid ranks beating Demba Coulibaly, France, who retired in the third with a cut eye. Light heavyweight champion of Germany, Leo Kakolewicz, beat Tony Oudine, Algiers, TKO4. Light heavyweight. Louis Pergaud Ngatchou outscored Uwe Meinecke (22) over six rounds. Middleweight. Charley Schulz, Germany, beat Ayhan Cimen, a Turk, in one round. Lightweight. Jose Rios, Puerto Rico, lost KO3 to Rene de Harchies of France.

▲**Hamburg**—European junior middleweight champion, Maurice Hope, retained his title outscoring Germany's Frank Wissenbach, fifteen. Middleweight. German George Steinherr outscored Turk Mehmet Cakal, six. Louis Pergaud outscored Briton Ron Grey in a light heavyweight bout over six rounds.

THE BRITISH ISLES

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Shotton, the bout being stopped in the fifth.

McAllister was taking part in his 82nd contest.

Steve Fenton, Leicester, 163½, outscored Colin Breen, Swansea, 160½, over eight by 79½-79.

A good scrap, rewarded with £50 as the "best fight of the night."

▲**Great International Sporting Club, Nottingham**—Kevin Doherty, West Ham, 129, stretched his unbeaten run to six by beating Clive Hogben, Kettering, 125½, the bout being stopped in the second after Hogben had been down twice.

Kelvin Webber, Porth, 142½, outpointed Nicky Bevans, Kettering, 142, over eight by 79-78. An interesting scrap with plenty of hard punches exchanged.

Tommy Joyce, Doncaster, 146, had to call on all his vast experience to outpoint Joey Mack, Birmingham, 148, who was having only his second pro fight.

▲**Liverpool Stadium**—Greg Evans, Liverpool, 171, beat Brian Huckfield, Birmingham, 175½, the referee intervening in the first round after Huckfield had been down twice. As the official stepped between them Brian went down again and it was a minute or so before he recovered.

Tony Sibson, Leicester, 162, outpointed Tony Burnett, Cardiff, 162½, over eight, with nobbins showered in from the enthusiastic fans. Sibson has won all 16 pro fights. The standing ovation given to the boxers afterwards was a just reward for their efforts.

Francis Hands, Liverpool, 175, outpointed veteran Guinea Roger, Nigeria, 182, over eight by 80-76½, not losing a round. Southpaw Hands had no difficulty in landing at will.

Chris Glover, Liverpool, 143, scored a narrow win over Jimmy King, Birmingham, 147, by 79-78½ over eight.

Steve Enwright, Halifax, 128, outpointed Don Aageson, Birmingham, 124½, over six by 60-58.

▲**Anglo-American Sporting Club, Manchester**—Carl Bailey, Manchester, 146, drew with Colin Deans, Jarrow, 148½, over eight.

Eddie Smith, Manchester, 162½, kayoed Dave Merrell, Leeds, 161, in 58 seconds after decking him for eight. The final punch was a left hook.

After being down three times in round one, Dave Owens, Castleford, 162½, staged a fine receovery to beat Billy Hill, Blackpool, 162, who was a little too impetuous and walked into a right hand in the second, the referee intervening just after he rose at three.

Kevin Sheehan, Alfreton, 135, outscored Cleveland Irvine, Manchester, 138, over six by 59½-58.

▲**Mayfair Suite, Birmingham**—Down in the first round, Wayne Bennett, Tredegar, 158, beat Roy Gumbs, Tottenham, 160, who was disqualified for alleged careless use of the head in the seventh. There were warnings to both men in a fight.

Tony Allen, Birminghma, 173, reversed a previous defeat by beating Davey Mullings, Tottenham, 174, the bout being stopped as the bell ended the fifth when Mullings was cut over the right eye.

Delvin Whyte, Tottenham, 138, outscored Johnny Beauchamp, Portsmouth, 141, by the narrow margin of 59-58½ over six. Beauchamp was down in the second round, but fought back well and Whyte had to keep his jab working overtime to just sneak it at the finish.

Ian Murray, Manchester, 118, was twice on the floor in the sixth and final round, but had boxed so well in the other five rounds that he still outpointed Paul Verden, Nuneaton, 118, by 58½-58. It was the latter's first defeat.

Reg Long, Peterlee, 174½, kayoed Glenroy Taylor, Tottenham, 176, in 55 seconds with a long right hand that the latter obviously never saw.

▲**World Sporting Club, London**—Chris Davies, Cardiff, 138, outpointed Venezuelan Carlos "Goldstein" Foldes, 138, by the closest possible margin of 79-78½ over eight, but many of the patrons did not agree with the verdict, and the booing lasted for minutes.

Tommy Dunn, Reading, 137, outscored Benny McQuade Purdy, Belfast, 136, over eight by 80-77, not losing a round. Dunn boxed well, his left jab drawing blood from his opponent's nose, and although substitute Purdy tried hard he was only prominent in the middle rounds.

Kelvin Webber, Porth, 144½, beat Mick Barker, Portsmouth, 145½, who retired at the end of the fifth with an injured right hand. Barker was decked by a right cross in the fourth.

Horace McKenzie, Cardiff, 146, kayoed Ray Thomas, Liverpool, 146, in the second round with a left to the chin, a punch of perfect timing.

▲**Saxon Hill Hotel, Northampton**—British welter champ Henry Rhiney, 156, beat Mickey Flynn, Manchester, 150¾, the bout being stopped in the sixth with Flynn under intense pressure.

Colin Ward, Northampton, 154, outscored Brian Gregory, Doncaster, 152½, by 78½-78, but the margin seemed greater.

George Gray, Aberdeen, 182, outpointed Johnny Cox, 183½, by 79½-78 over eight. Cox was down in the first and third.

Steve Enwright, Halifax, 129, outpointed Tony Zeni, Highgate, 130½, over six by 59½-59.

▲**National Sporting Club, London**—Roy Commosioung, Luton, 155¾, comfortably outpointed Charlie Cooper, Fareham, 164, over eight by 79½-77½.

Sylvester Gordon, Peckham, 144, outscored Dai Davies, Swansea, 142, by the narrow margin of 59-58½ over six.

Joe Jackson, Coventry, 171, outpointed Owen Lotriet, Southampton, 164, over six by 59-58. Lotriet hit the canvas in the sixth from body punches.

▲**St. Andrew's Sporting Club, Glasgow**—Johnny Owen, Merthyr, 115, gained the most important victory of his career by beating Scottish bantam champ John Kellie, 117¾, the referee intervening in the sixth after Kellie had been down twice. It was scheduled for ten.

Jackie McGill, Glasgow, 128½, outpointed Jeff Pritchard, Tredegar, 129, over eight by 79-78½.

George Kidd, Glasgow, 148, outscored George Daines, Doncaster, 146, over four by 40-38.

Dave Lightbody, Kirkcaldy, 156, beat Mohammed Akram, 156, the bout being stopped in the third. Lightbody was first on the canvas in the opening session, but got up to floor his man twice. Akram was in trouble when the referee intervened.

EUROPEAN RATINGS

Heavyweights
* Lucien Rodriquez (F)
1. Jean Pierre Coopman (B)
2. Alfio Righetti (I)
3. Lorenzo Zanon (I)
4. Kurt Ludecke (G)
5. Bernd August (G)
6. Henny Thoonen (H)
7. Jose Urtain (S)
8. Dante Cane (I)
9. Rudi Lubbers (H)
10. Bepi Ros (I)

Junior Middles
* Maurice Hope (GB)
1. Eckhard Dagge (G)
2. Rocky Mattioli (I)
3. Frank Wissenbach (G)
4. Joe Bonnetaz (F)
5. Jose Duran (S)
6. Dum Dum Pacheco (S)
7. Mimoun Mohatar (S)
8. Claude Martin (F)
9. Josef Pachler (A)
10. Vincent Ungaro (I)

Lightweights
*Perico Fernandez (S)
1. Giancarlo Usai (I)
2. Vincenzo Burgio (I)
3. Antonio Puddu (I)
4. Vincenzo Quero (I)
5. Fernand Roelands (B)
6. Andre Holyk (F)
7. Jeronimo Lucas (S)
8. Alonso San Miguel (S)
9. Giancarlo Barabotti (I)
10. Jeronine Lucas (S)

Light Heavies
* Mate Parlov (Yugo)
1. Domenico Adinolfi (I)
2. Aldo Traversaro (I)
3. Francois Fiol (S)
4. Robert Amory (F)
5. Harald Skog (N)
6. Avenamar Peralta (S)
7. Ennio Cometti (I)
8. Onelio Grando (I)
9. Christian Poncelet (F)
10. Freddy DeKerpel (B)

Welterweights
* Marco Scano (I)
1. Luciano Borracia (I)
2. Toni Ortiz (S)
3. Jacques van Mellaerts (F)
4. Jesus Rodriguez de la Rosa (S)
5. Horacio Ruiz (S)
6. Jorgen Hansen (D)
7. Tomasso Marocco (I)
8. Vittorio Conte (I)
9. Alain Ruocco (F)
10. Italo Venturi (I)

Junior Lights
* Natale Vezzoli (I)
1. Antonio Guinaldo (S)
2. Georges Cotin (F)
3. Roland Cazeaux (F)
4. Carlos Hernandez (S)
5. Manuel Llata (S)
6. Salvatore Liscapade (I)
7. Ramon Garcia Marichal (S)
8. Rodolfo Sanchez (S)
9. Mario Redi (I)
10. Albert Amatier (I)

Middleweights
* Alan Minter (GB)
1. Gratien Tonna (F)
2. Vito Antuofermo (I)
3. Jean Mateo (F)
4. Rudi Koopmans (H)
5. Germano Valsecchi (I)
6. Angelo Jacopucci (I)
7. Frank Reiche (G)
8. Jules Bellaiche (F)
9. Mario Romersi (I)
10. Poul Knudsen (D)

Junior Welters
* Dave Green (GB)
1. Jean Baptiste Piedvache (F)
2. Primo Bandini (I)
3. Efisio Pinna (I)
4. Fernando Sanchez (S)
5. Jean Saadli (F)
6. Angelo Fanciulli (I)
7. Jean Pierre Younsi (F)
8. Claude Lormeau (F)
9. Walter Blaser (Switz)
10. Giuseppe Russi (I)

Featherweights
* Pedro Nino Jimenez (S)
1. Cecilio Lastra (S)
2. Elio Cotena (I)
3. Isidoro Cabeza (S)
4. Guy Caudron (F)
5. Michele Siracusa (F)
6. Pasqualino Morbidelli (I)
7. Natale Caredda (I)
8. Sergio Emili (I)
9. Salvatore Melluzzo (I)
10. Michel Lefrebvre (F)

Bantamweights
* Franco Zurlo (I)
1. Salvatore Fabrizio (I)
2. Jacky Bihin (F)
3. Daniel Trioulaire (F)
4. Luigi Tessarin (I)
5. Pedro Molledo (S)
6. Teodoro Corallo (I)
7. Fernando Bernardez (S)
8. Angel Oliver (S)
9. Juan Francisco Rodriguez (S)
10. Claudio Tanda (I)

Flyweights
* Franco Udella (I)
1. Fritz Chervet (Switz)
2. Franco Sperati (I)
3. Emilio Pireddu (I)
4. Franco Buglione (I)
5. Mariano Garcia (S)
6. Manuel Carrasco Hernandez (S)
7. Jose Cantero (S)
8. Christian Martin (F)
9. Daniel Charvet (F)
10. Sante Medici (I)

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American. He was a member of the New York Basketball writers and Golf Writers Association, as well, Dave later becoming a public relations consultant.

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The 52nd annual dinner of the Boxing Writers Association was held at the New York Downtown Athletic Club under the aegis of its president, Bill Gallo, the noted sports writer and cartoonest of the New York Daily News.

The awards were: To Duke Stefano, Madison Square Garden match-maker, The James J. Walker Memorial Award, for "Long and Meritorious Service;" The Nat Fleischer Journalism Award to Jesse Abramson; The Edward J. Neil Award to The Olympic Gold Medal Winners: The Al Buck Memorial Award, "Manager of the Year," to Bob Biron, the manager of Ken Norton; Harry Markson received The James A. Farley Sr. Award for "Dedication and Devotion." Markson was the director of boxing for Madison Square Garden for over 10 years and is still a consultant to the Garden on fistic matters.

Barney Nagler, Tony Marenghi, and Murray Goodman all received their life time membership cards, and the writers saluted Marvin Kohn for his 25 years of service to the New York State Athletic Commission. Cozy Stern, Girl Friday for publicist Murray Goodman, was saluted by the writers with love and devotion.

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Our pal, Don Williams from Akron, Ohio, former junior welter champion, pens us the following from his sector: "Big Charley 'Whiz' Bowers, a battler who performed against K.O. Christner and others in the 19-20's, who has been associated with Goodyear people, but is now retired, recently lost his wife, Jayne, and also his sister. Neil Brogan, from Masillon, Ohio, a fine lightweight in the late 20's, passed away last December 4th at the age of 75. Best to the Ring staff."

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Our friend Eddie Mafuz popular fight manager, recently paid a visit to the Ring magazine office with Jose Luis Martin Berrorcal, a promoter from Madrid, Spain. Jose was looking for American boxers to appear at his show at the Palaca of Sports in Madrid. He operates throughout Spain with the main headquarters in Madrid. Mafuz is acting as the Spanish promoters adviser and representing him in the United States. The Spanish promoter told us they have two European champions, Nino Jiminez, featherweight champion of Europe, and Perico Fernandez, European lightweight champion.

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What do fight mangers think of after they've been out of the game? Had a chat with genial Harry Stickevers, who, during his association with boxing, has been closely aligned to ex-champion Bob Foster, Kid Rash, Paddy Young, Joe Miceli and many other popular performers. Believe it or not, Harry, who is now in the broadcasting field, will always remember the experiences and thrills he had with Joe Miceli and the many upsets the young East Sider brought about.

"Miceli was a great performer," Harry told us. "He came from your old neighborhood, Elizabeth and Spring Street, and he was a corker. I scored many upsets with him. Remember when he was twice underdog to Wallace 'Bud' Smith, out of Cincinnati, before Smith became lightweight king? Joe knocked him out the first time and decisioned him the next. The following year Smith won the lightweight title.

"That's not all. Remember he was the underdog against Art Aragon, 'Golden Boy,' when they met in Los Angeles? Joe upset the applecart and did it again in a return. That's not all, we met the famous Stan Harrington, a great favorite in Honolulu, and Miceli took him apart and did it again just to prove that it wasn't a fluke.

"Miceli never became a champion, but he was a great performer in my book. Now living in Long Island City, Miceli is happily married with a pair of bright sons who are now attending college. How I could use another one like Joe now."

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PALLADIN KO'S BAKER

By ED SCULLEN

Largo, Maryland—After a lapse of nearly one year, boxing returned to the Capital Centre where 4,404 paying fans clicked through the turnstiles to see a scheduled 54-round card headlined by a Ralph Palladin-Mike Baker middleweight bout.

Palladin, 158¾, Lanham, was administering a sound boxing lesson to Baker, 159½, Arlington, Virginia, when a clash of heads in the eighth round resulted in a severe gash to Baker's left eye. Referee Larry Barrett allowed the pair to box on for several seconds and then, wtih blood literally pouring out of the wound and Baker's vision severely restricted, the Baltimore-based Barrett stepped in and called a halt at 2:16 of the round. Baker was stopped in similar fashion several months ago against Baltimore's Alvin Anderson.

Immediately following the stoppage, Palladin was presented with the Eli Hanover Trophy, emblematic of the Maryland-District of Columbia middleweight championship. Hanover was the area's former top promoter who died in August, 1975. The Promoter of record for the show was the Capital Centre's owner, Abe Pollin; he was assisted ably by matchmaker Eddie Hrica.

In another 10-round middleweight contest following the main event, no trophies were awarded, but the slug fest between Lei (Kid) Saenz and Philadelphia's Jimmy Savage won the cheers and hearts of the crowd. An eventual draw verdict brought no complaints from the fans.

Disdaining science, Saenz and Savagely simply slugged it out toe-to-toe over 10-rounds.

The scoring: referee Tom Kelly-Saenz 48-46; judge Larry Barrett-Savage 46-45; and judge Ray Klingmeyer-even 46-46.

In the preliminaries: Carlos Prigg, 165, Chester, Pennsylvania, won a unanimous four-round decision over Lou Benson, 170, Baltimore. Ira Martin, 233½, Baltimore won a unanimous decision over Joe Maye, 196¾, Hartford, Connecticut. Johnny Wilburn, 174½, Glen Burnie floored Jimmy Mc Clain, 174, Philadelphia twice in the third round and referee Harry Cecchini stopped the bout at 1:37. In an eight-rounder, Jerry Martin, 178¾, Philadelphia, stopped Smokey Joe Middleton, 180, Washington at :61 of round eight.

MARIO ORTIZ GAINS ARGENTINE LIGHT TITLE

By SIMON BRONENBERG

▲**Resistencia**—In the heavy class, Antonio Musladino and Juan Carlos Sosa II drew in 10 rounds.
▲**Rosario**—In the light division, Oscar Alvarenga beat Antonio Ross in 10.
▲**Salta**—Welters jr: Ramon Allende kayoed Raul Colombo in fourth round.
▲**La Rioja**—In the welter junior division Roberto Aballay decisioned Juan C. Herrera in 10 rounds.
▲**Tres Arroyos**—Juan Zuniga, Chile, kayoed lightweight Pascual Zabala in the second round
▲**Santa Fe**—Good welter division prospect Daniel Gonzalez whipped Ariel Maciel, Uruguay champion.
▲**San Justo**—In the welter class, Carlos M.V. Herrera kayoed Luis Sosa in eight.
▲**San Juan**—Lights Jr: Pedro Aguero outpointed Juan A. Reyes in 10.
▲**San Carlos Bariloche**—In the batam division, Arnoldo Aguero whipped Hugo Emer, 10 rounds.
▲**Trelew**—Bantams: Ramon Blanc beat Bernabe Mendez in 8.
▲**Tucuman**—In the feather class, Ruben Buttiler won over Miguel Lara in 10.
▲**Buenos Aires**—At the Luna Park ring, Argentine middle junior champion Manuel Gonzalez and Raul Porcel de Peralta, drew in 10.—Non title bout.
▲**Mendoza**—World light heavy champion (WBA) Victor Galindez kayoed Guillermo Aguirrezabala in fourth round. Non title bout.
▲**San Luis**—Argentine middle champion Hugo Corro beat Rodolfo Rosales in 10 rounds.—Non title bout.
▲**Villa Carlos Paz**—Argentine welter junior champion Carlos Maria Gimenez kayoed Miguel Poblete, Chile, in first round.
▲**Rafaela**—In the light division, Luis Ibarra won over Antonio Capdeville in 8.
▲**Posadas**—Ramon Gonzalez and Federico Godoy drew in 10.—They are junior lightweights.
▲**Villa Maria**—In the welter division, Hugo Quartapelle kayoed Pedro Colman in seventh round.
▲**Pilar (Cordoba)**—In the light class, Jose I. Funes and Roque Arevalo drew in 10.
▲**Rio Cuarto**—Ramon Araujo whipped Gregorio Villavicencio in 10 (lights).
▲**Cipoletti**—In the light class, Jose M. Lopez (Pipi) decisioned Luis Mayano in 10 rounds.
▲**Salta**—Federico Condori TKOd Reynaldo Romero in bantamweight six.
▲**Tucuman**—In the welter class, Horacio Saldano beat Carlos C. Villalba in 10.
▲**Villa Regina**—Lightweight Luis Valdez beat Aurelio Montenegro in 10.
▲**La Rioja**—In the middle Jr. class, Oscar F. Barrios kayoed Pedro Bazan in five.

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▲**Canada de Gomez**—In the middle Jr. class Ramon Mendez beat Antonio Lopez, 10 rounds.
▲**Rosario**—Julio Melone won Julio Campagna in lightweight 10.
▲**San Carlos de Bariloche**—Oscar Aguero and Ricardo Molina drew in a middleweight 10.
▲**Buenos Aires**—In the fly class, Ramon Soria (undefeated) beat Ruben Pasero in 10 and Angel Lois Fernandez beat Carlos Escalante by a TKO in seventh.
▲**Tandil**—Undefeated in the heavy class, Norberto Fiori beat Marcos Tosto in 8 rounds.
▲**Gualeguay**—In the feather class, ex-Argentine champion Benicio Sosa outpointed Juan J. Nogueira in 10 rounds.
▲**Pergamino**—Undefeated in the middle class, Carlos Maria Flores beat Esteban Osuna (South America middle junior champion) in 10 rounds.
▲**Charata**—In the welter class, Miguel A. Fernandez kayoed Luis Correa in second round.
▲**Dolores**—In the welter division, Hector Caceres and Raul Paz drew in 10
▲**Comodoro Rivadavia**—Argentine feather champion Juan Domingo Malvarez beat Eduardo Echeverria by a TKO in seventh.—(Non title).
▲**Saliquelo**—In the welter division, Floro Zarza decisioned Vicente Martinez in 10.
▲**Salto Argentino**—In the light class, Venancio Gonzalez whipped Segundo Aguirre in 10.
▲**James Craig**—In the feather division, Oscar Cevallos beat Juan Carranza in 6.
▲**Balcarce**—In the welter division, Anibal Di Lella kayoed Juan J. Perez in 7.
▲**San Luis**—Ramon Cerrezuela beat Celestino Bailone in a light heavyweight 10.
▲**Villa Carlos Paz**—In the bantam class, Raul "Nico" Perez won Juan C. Rios, 10.
▲**Posadas**—In the middle division, Camilo Gaitan beat Alberto Almiron in 10.
▲**El Tio (Cordoba)**—In the feather division, Ruben Riani kayoed Humberto Perez in second round.
▲**Cordoba**—In the feather division, Orlando Lucero beat Rolando Lahoz by a TKO in eighth round.
▲**Tres Arroyos**—In the light class, Juan Zuniga, Chile, stopped Cirilo Ruiz by TKO in seventh round.
▲**San Luis**—In the Jr. welter division, Simon Escobar decisioned Juan "Pamperito" Olivera in 10 rounds.
▲**Tucuman**—In the Jr. middle division, Carlos Peralta beat Roque Roldan in 10.
▲**Concordia**—Undefeated middleweight Ruben Pardo stopped Juna Carlos Bogado (Ex-Argentine champion) by TKO, ninth round.
▲**Villaguay**—In the fly division, Jose Ibiris and Hector Barreto drew in 10.
▲**Rio Tercero**—In the Jr. light class Alberto Castillo and Carlos Grinovero drew in 10.
▲**Rio Cuarto**—In the welter division, Mario "Hammer" Miranda beat Eduardo Contreras by a TKO in five.
▲**Rosario**—Hugo Villarruel and bantam weight Omar Almada drew in 10.
▲**Bolivar**—In the Jr. middle division, Alfredo Cabral beat Hugo Obregon in 10.
▲**La Carlota**—Billy Martins kayoed Juan Pedraza in seven.
▲**Neuquen**—In the Jr. light division Ramon Ramos and Galindo Gonzalez drew, 10.
▲**Chilecito**—Juan M. Moreno and Ernesto Barrios drew in welter weight 10.
▲**Sampacho**—In the Jr. middle division, Jose A. Vega kayoed Oscar Lopez in 6.
▲**Viale (Entre Rios)**—In the Jr. middle class Oscar Ayala beat Silvano Jara by a TKO in nine.
▲**Obera**—In the feather class, Francisco Acosta beat Carlos A. Mendez in 8.
▲**Buenos Aires**—At the Luna Park ring, Mario Ortiz decisioned Nicolas Arkuzsyn in 12 rounds and won the Argentine light title.
▲**WINIFREDA**—In the lightweight class Justino Heredia whipped Marciano Tura in 10.
▲**Huinca Renanco**—In the light class, ex-Argentine lightweight champion Hugo Gutierrez and Angel Olea drw in 10 rounds.
▲**Villa Carlos Paz**—In the light division, Ramon Araujo beat Jose I. Funes in 10.
▲**Cipoletti**—Jose Valdez beat Eduardo Sandoval by a TKO in five. They are lights.
▲**General Pinedo**—In the welter class, Juan C. Morales beat Raul Paz in 3th round in a medical decision.
▲**Cordoba**—Ex-Argentine bantam champion Jose Casas outpointed Hugo Emer in 12 rounds for the local bantam title.
▲**Bahia Blanca**—Argentine Jr. welter champion Carlos Maria Gimenez stopped Omar Zarza by a TKO in five round.
▲**Tres Arroyos**—In fly division, Miguel Lazarte won Luis Gerez in 10 rounds.
▲**Villa Maria**Welters: Hugo Gomez won Luis Guevara by a TKO in six round.
▲**Neuquen**—In the feather class, Omar Canale outpointed Emilio Haedo in 10.
▲**Reconquista**—In the bantam class, Sergio Palma decisioned Ricardo Gomez in 10.
▲**Charata**—Lightheaview: Hector Altamirano beat Ruben Gonzalez in 10.
▲**Tucuman**—In the welter division, Horacio Saldano decisioned Hector Caceres in 10 rounds.
▲**Villa Regina**—Bantamweight Juan Araneda, Chile, beat Juan C. Machado by a TKO in 5th round.
▲**Huinca Renanco**—In the fly class, Santos Laciar won Alberto Martin in 10 rounds.
▲**Pte. ROQUE S. Pena**—In the feather class, ex-Argentine champion Benicio Sosa outpointed Modesto Gomez in 10.
▲**Villa Dolores**—In the fly class, undefeated Ramon Soria won over Martin Devia by a TKO in fourth round.
▲**San Juan**—In the light class, Juan de Dios Acosta stopped Miguel Maldonado by a TKO in 10th round.
▲**Campana**—In the Jr. middle division, Ricardo Magallanes decisioned Pablo Ferreyra in 10.
▲**Tunuyan**—In the welter class, Roberto Alfaro kayoed Juan Escobar in seventh.
▲**Salta**—In the Jr. welter division, Manuel Lopez stopped Carlos Ibanez by a TKO in 6th.
▲**Pergamino**—In the middle class, Carlos M. Flores (undefeated) decisioned Alberto Maldonado in 10 rounds.
▲**General Roca**—In the Jr. middle class, Ramon Mendez decisioned Rogelio Zarza in 10 rounds.
▲**General Pico**—Oscar "Cachin" Mendez whipped lightweight Antonio Ross in 10.
▲**Rio Cuarto**—In the feather division, Raul Bianco whipped Lildelfonso Calderon, 10 rounds.
▲**Sampacho**—In the Jr. middle division Jose A. Vega beat Alberto Almiron in 10.
▲**Tucuman**—Martin Leiva decisioned Julio C. Andrada in lightweight 10.
▲**Rosario**—In the lightheavy class, Ruben Zamarro kayoed Antonio "Tony" Rossi in second round.
▲**Florencio Varela**—Victor Echegaray, Argentine and South America champion retained the Argentine title after Facundo Villalba by a disqualification in round five in a Junior lightweight contest.

DEMMINGS BEATS BROUGHTON EASILY

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

Minneapolis, Minnesota—Doug Demmings, 161, Minneapolis used Brantford, Canada's Gary Broughton, 162, to sharpen up his tools for bigger things in the future in the main event at the Auditorium before a sparse turnout of 380. At the end of ten rounds Demmings won an easy unanimous decision.

Demmings turned in a masterful performance of boxing skills, and only the vast experience of Broughton kept him in for the full distance. There were no knockdowns and only in the sixth was Broughton in trouble. The win upped Demmings record to 20-1-0.

Chuck Daszkiewicz, 149½, Minneapolis (6-0-0) won a close six round decision over Larry Moore, 146, Dunbar, West Virginia, (12-18-0).

Bobby Rodriguez, 147, Minneapolis (24-7-2) returned from a five year retirement to stop pro debuting Larry Puchta, 151, Milwaukee in the third round.

Chuck Gardner, 221, Minneapolis (3-0-0) outpointed veteran Charlie "Big Tuna" Jordan, 228, Detroit (12-33-2) in four rounds.

Chuck Loesch, 219, Minneapolis (1-0-0) outpointed Milton "Killer" Collins, 228, Minneapolis (0-1-0) in four.

Lightweights Al Franklin of Minneapolis and John Fuller, St. Paul engaged in a spirited four round exhibition.

FRANKLIN OVER MAYE

By JIM McCLOY

Wilmington, Delaware-Fournier Hall's 700 fans watched Matt Franklin, 175, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, spend ten rounds pounding Joe Maye, 180, Hartford, Connecticut, in winning a unanimous decision. Maye fought mostly on the defensive, occasionally taking wild swings. Franklin easily penetrated Maye's defense with numerous stiff shots, but the rock-like loser appeared no worse for wear at the final bell.

Five of the seven other bouts on the card ended by knockout. In the semi-final, a right uppercut at :48 of the first round by Ernest Bing, Atlantic City, N. J., ended the evening for Ernie Vann, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in a lightweight match. Frankie Crossman, Bellmawr, N.J., WASTED LITTLE TIME BY STOPPING Al Daniels, Philadelphia, at :29 of the opening round of a middleweight contest. In a welterweight fight, undefeated Joe Tiberi, Neward, Delaware, dropped Willie Murphy, Philadelphia, for the count at 2:21 of round one. Steve Arvin, Philadelphia, won on a third round TKO at 1:59 when Tommy Mitses, Crum Lynn, Pennsylvania, suffered a cut over the eye. Both are middleweights. John Barr, Philadelphia, knocked out Billy Hill, Philadelphia, at :20 of the second in a junior welterweight bout. Featherweight Jimmy Washington, Philadelphia, decisioned fellow Philadelphian Willie Green in four. Jerry Graham, Philadelphia, took a four rounder from Benny Price, Philadelphia, in a junior welterweight fight.

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COETZEE TOPS SCHUTTE

By ED CLARK

JOHANNESBURG—Gerrie Coetzee, S. African heavyweight champion successfully defended his title by outpointing Mike Schutte on points over 12 rounds at the Wembley Stadium before 22,000 fans. Coetzee's win was more meritorious as he shattered three bones in his right hand, dislocated his wrist and also his left hand was damaged in the third round against an opponent who outweighed him by 55 pounds. He was taken to the hospital after the fight for an operation and will be out of the ring for about four months. There were no knockdowns, but Coetzee slipped to the canvas twice and Schutte finished the fight with cuts under both eyes and a puffy face. Referee Stan Christodoulou kept a firm control on the fight—these two boxers fought a "pier six" brawl in Durban last year—but only warnings were issued during this encounter mainly to Schutte. The champion was supremely fit and confident and took time off in the second half to clown and let Schutte "off the hook" a number of times. Schutte never stopped trying and was still there with a chance up to the final bell by Coetzee was in and out speedily and catching his man with rapid fire combinations. His left jab was adept in scoring many points and the right cross kept Schutte, who employs boring tactics, at bay. Both boxers went at each other from the start, with the shorter Schutte trying to get to close quarters. Schutte with his weight advantage did not worry the champion unduly but kept going after him. Schutte's mouth was bleeding in the third via a left hook but the left jabs were also making their mark. Coetzee's barrage of well timed blows had Scutte fumbling and his eye was cut in the next round. The fifth was even and a right cross from Schutte put Coetzee down in the sixth but it was ruled a slip. Coetzee shaded the next round then schutte came to the fore on aggression and won the next two rounds, but Coetzee was well ahead. Coetzee became "serious" in the ninth round and won it but Schutte fighting for all he was worth took the last roung, but it was not enough—Coetzee won the fight.

James "Dynamite" Mathatho gained revenge over Kosie Smith as he won the S. African light-heavy-weight title by defeating Smith over 12 rounds. Mathatho scored the only two knockdowns in the fight, in the fourth when he really had Smith "going" and later in the 10th round. Smith had the one great asset—his right hand punch by Mathatho who was K.O.'d by Smith stayed careful and the fight became lop-sided and Mathatho's victory was clear-cut. Mathatho's boxing ability was far superior and he won eight rounds losing one and sharing three rounds.

Peter Mathebula, fly-weight champion defeated Daniel Hlakane on points over six rounds; Johannes Mlotshwa decisioned Pete Marx, four, light-heavy-weights.

Evans Gwigi outscored Thomas Mathibela, four, feather-weights; Joseph Matjiu won over Thys Kotze, four, middle-weights.

▲PRETORIA— Kallie Knoetze knocked out Ishaq Hussien who hails from England in the fourth round of a scheduled 10 round fight before a crowd of 5,000 at Loftus Versfeld rugby stadium. Hussien said afterwards that he did not see the punch but certainly felt it—he was down and out still some while after the count. Knoetze was hit with two good lefts before moving in to deliver the K.O. After a very mild first round with the fighters feeling their way around the only notable blow was an overhand right by Knoetze. In the second Knoetze caught the visitor on the cheek with a flashing right and a left hook that found its mark. Hussien came to the fore in the third withwith scoring blows to the face, jabbing and following up and the fight began to have the fans cheering. Knoetze punished Hussien with four hooks in succession and rained blows on his opponent and 10 seconds short of the round ending the finish came in this heavy-weight fight.

Norman "Panga-man" Sekgapane scored an unimpressive 10 rounds win over the Rhodesian champion. Langton Schoolboy in a junior welter-weight bout. The Rhodesian used his long left jab and "Panga-man" tried to make a close fight of it. Sekgapane is adept at body work and this brought him victory.

Hardy Mileham outscored Jan Botes, four, junior-welter-weights; Jan Beneke K.O.'d Timothy Lerefolo, two, welters; Victor Ntloko stopped Johan de Beer, five, middle-weights; Gert Craemer outscored Daniel Sereme, six, junior middle-weights.

▲DURBAN—Gert Steyn, S. African junior-middleweight champion scored a 10 rounds points win over Monty Betham, Commonwealth champion from New Zealand but now boxing in the U.S.A. Betham came from behind with a storming finish but Steyn had done enough in the earlier part of the fight to take the decision. Some of the 5,000 fans at the West Ridge Tennis Stadium did not agree but Steyn's two fisted attack had more to offer than the lightning left jab by the New Zealander. Betham had a reach advantage but Steyn was able to land his left hook to the head and it was a hard blow. It was in the first five rounds that Steyn came to the fore with combinations and he probably won four of the rounds with the first being even. After an even sixth round it was Betham who won the next two rounds using that snappy left jab and outboxing Steyn who seemed to be taking a "breather". The ninth was even then Steyn turned on a blistering attack to win the final round and the fight.

Mike Schutte roughed Fraser Memela up so that Memela gave up the fight after the fourth round and did not come out for the fifth. This heavy-weight fight had no knockdowns but Schutte hurled Memela to the canvas in the first round and was warned. He was also guilty of kidney punches, butting and a low blow for which he was warned. Schutte who is named "THE TANK" just bores into his opponent head first and throws punches, pushes, but those left hooks really cause the opponent to give way before him. Schutte outweighing Memela by 77 pounds was badly off with his timing and seemed sluggish and Memela jabed and kept moving but Schutte then switched his attack to the body and although Memela was not dropped he had had enough.

Peter Mathebula successfully defended his black fly-weight title by stopping challenger Joe Ngidi in the seventh round. Mathebula oozed class as he won each of the rounds with his two fisted attack and his speed drew gasps of admiration from the crowd. In the third Ngidi was hit with an accidental low blow and was given time to recover. The towel was thrown in when Ngidi was trapped in his own corner and receiving a barrage of blows.

Esau Dlamini outpointed Wally Brown, four, lightweights; Mark Melville outscored Samson Mohloai, four, middleweights; Themba Hlabisa decisioned Andre Rheeders, four, welterweights; Zacharaih Thabethe outscored Wentzel Marais, four, junior middleweights.

SHORT JABS: Victor Galindez is due to defend his Light heavyweight title in Johannesburg in June against Jesse Burnett from U.S.A.

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SMITH, RAMALHO SHINE

By DON HAMILL

Headlining two boxing shows in all New England, Jackie Smith defended his New England junior middleweight crown, and promising Davey Ramalho, continues to raise havoc among the flyweights.

▲Taunton, Mass. — (Roseland Ballroom) Jackie Smith, 154, Brockton, successfully defended his New England junior middleweight championship against his fellowtownsman, Billy Duquette, also 154. Smith won a unanimous ten round decision in a real war. Duquette took a pasting but never wavered and never stopped trying. He was hampered by a cut over his left eye.

Jimmy Conklin, 141, Brockton, stopped Jose Ortiz, 135, Lawrence, in the second round of the scheduled eight round semifinal. Tiger Moore, 162, Brockton, beat Joe Houston, 160, Lowell, in an action packed six rounder. Moore's win was unanimous. Michael Rae, 128, Brockton, stopped Francisco Mandonado, 128, Lowell, in the third round of a scheduled four. Fernando Fernandez, 148, Pawtucket, easily won all four rounds for a lop-sided decision over Lorenzo Howard, 149, Albany. Rae and Fernandez were making their pro debuts.

▲Manchester, N.H. — (JFK Coliseum) David Ramalho, Lowell flyweight battered Mimum Ben Ali, Robat, Morocco, so badly that the latter was unable to answer the bell for the ninth round. The previous round ended with Ali helplessly on the ropes. Ramalho handles himself nicely and moves like an experienced boxer.

Jimmy Farrell, Rockland, Massachusetts, overpowered Hilberto Sanchez, New York, in a ten round featherweight encounter. Sanchez was dropped for the full count in the seventh round. Veteran Beau Jaynes, Lowell junior welterweight, scored a fourth round TKO over Jose Curet, former New Yorker, now living in Salem, New Hampshire. Jaynes scored three knockdowns in the third round and when Curet went down again at the start of the fourth, Referee Tony Dupre wisely called a halt. In a six rounder, Pee Wee Stokes, New York, stopped L. C. Mack, also New York, in the third round. Ray Fallon, Burlington, Mass., had no trouble disposing of hapless Ed (Spider) Murphy, Lowell, in the first round. No weights were available.

KIRKMAN DECISIONS ROMAN

By RUGGLES LARSON

SEATTLE, WASH.—Boone Kirman of Seattle scored an easy, unaminous 10 round decision over Joe (King) Roman of Puerto Rico at the Arena. Kirkman. 211 pounds, gained the judges votes by counts of 99-91, 99-95, and 99-92.

In another scheduled 10, Sugar Ray Seales, 162½, Tacoma, Wash., scored a technical knockout victory over George Davis, 161, Oakland, Cal., at 2:59 of the second round. In the prelims: Dale Grant, 175, Tacoma, Wash., kayoed Mustafa El-Amin, 176, Oakland, Cal, at 2:16 of the second round; A third Tacoman, Larry Smith, 155, stopped Willie Hearne, Seattle, at 1:31 of the third round; In the opening bout witnessed by 5,529 fans, Willie Ray, 132, Seattle, kayoed Hideo Kitani, 132, Vancouver, BC, in the fourth round.

▲TACOMA, WASH.,—Three Tacomans won National A.A.U. amateur boxing championships at Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Ricky Lockridgre stopped David Douglas of the U.S. Army for the 119 pound title; John Bumphus won the featherweight championship by decisioning Leo Simmons of Akron, Ohio; and Jerry Bennett, of the U.S. Air Force, claimed the 165 pound crown by decisioning Hosea Sprewell of the U.S. Marine Corps.

MARCELLE GETS NOD

By George C. Beckles

PORT-OF-SPAIN — Eddie Marcelle overcame a strong middle-rounds showing by Urban Baptiste, former welterweight champion of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, to capture a split decision in a ten-rounder at Woodbrook Stadium. There was a small crowd on hand for the card promoted by Victor Sammy.

Baptiste, 147, looked fairly impressive in the third, fifth and sixth rounds, but for the rest of the way, the 23-year-old Marcelle, 146½, appeared in command. In fact, it was to Urban's credit that he finished on his feet after absorbing a severe battering in the last two rounds.

Judge Frank Hastic scored it 50-37 and referee Ralph Garcia 47-42, both for Marcelle. Judge Vernon "Jabber" Romney, however, had it 48-44 in Baptiste's favor, a vote that did not sit well with the crowd.

In the eight-round semi-final, Winston Granger, 145, TKO'd Edwin Bascombe, 145, in the fourth round due to a cut over the left eye. Lester Miller, 142, outpointed Michael Baptiste (Michael's younger brother), 146, in a six. Harold Bernard, 125, KO'd Art De Freitas, 126, in 2:35 of the first round of a scheduled six-round contest.

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BERRY RALLIES TO WIN

By NIGEL COLLINS

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania—Streaking featherweight William "Red" Berry rallied down the stretch to score a split 10-round decision over alfonso Evans at the Blue Horizon.

Berry, 125½, pressed forward but could not solve Evans; 126, tricky style. After five rounds the favored Trenton fighter was looking very discouraged.

The tide began to turn in the seventh round. Evans was running out of gas in a hurry and Berry was starting to connect with hard punches to the head. Evans continued to fade and Berry really turned it on in the last round. A volley of lefts and rights crashed home and the Philadelphia boxer was out on his feet at the final bell.

Two of the scoring officials voted for Berry with the third calling the match a draw. The Ring gave Berry a slight 46-45 edge on the strength of his big last round.

Local middleweight Ernie Singletary, 160, decisioned Bob "Paycheck" Payton, 162½, over eight dull rounds. Payton, of Camden, backed up the entire fight and Singletary could only manage to catch him with one punch at a time.

The victory ran the unbeaten Singletary's log to 10-0 with 4 KO's, Payton is now 11-4 with 4 KO's.

"Skinny" Jimmy Rothwell, 142, also remained undefeated with an eight-round nod over New Yorker Ray Fields, 138. It was Jimmy's ninth win in a row.

The best fight of the evening was the four-round opener between locals Tom Harris and Jesse Goodmond. They exchanged punches freely in every round. Harris, 161½, scored a knockdown in the first and went on to land the harder punches. Goodmond, 155, never gave up and fought back at every turn. The decision rightly went to Harris.

▲**Upper Darby**—Comebacking featherweight Augie Pantellas scored an easy first round knockout over inept Eddie Rivera before a capacity crowd of 1,600 fans at the 69th Street Forum.

Pantellas, 131, of Broomall, Pa., ran his record to 24-5 with 19 kayos. New Yorker Rivera came in at 127.

Tony Tassone, 160½, scored a repeat win over Daryl Lampkin, 164½, in a sixer. This was a boring bout until Tassone came alive and almost took Lampkin out in the final minute of the fight.

Richie "Bandit" Bennett, 163½, scored a second-round TKO over Jesse Freeman, 161½ and Vic Pappas, 137, TKO'd Lou Daniels, 136, in one.

Micky Diflo, 134, outboxed Mark "Moon" Christian, 133½, over four mauling rounds and Mike Picciotti, 142½, decisioned Ken Muse, 137.

▲**Boulevard Pools**—Promoter Barry McCall opened this new venue for pro boxing with a skimpy three bout card. In the main event local puncher Rudy Donato outpointed "Smooth" Gary Bailey, of N.Y.C., in an eight-round middleweight clash.

In other bouts Fred Boynton won a six-round decision over Randolph Scott in a welterweight match and heavyweight Frank Elm beat old timer Matt Robinson.

Amateur bouts padded the card.

▲**Bristol, Pa.**—Undefeated youngster Ruben Lopez scored his 11th straight victory as a pro with 8-round split decision over Ray "Poppy" Davis. The card, promoted by Mike Plebani and Billy DeMarco, was held at the local fire-hall before a crowd of around 500.

Lopez, 156, of Warminster, Pa., utilized his quick hands and snappy footwork to hold a slight edge in most rounds.

Davis, 149, of Atlantic City, only punched in short spurts but managed to catch the eye of one of the three scoring-officials with his crafty movement.

Warminster's Billy Wareham, 156, suffered his first loss at the hands of tricky Daryl Lampkin, 160½, over six rounds. It was close going into the last round when Lampkin rallied with a series of light but clean head-punches.

In a great fight Atlantic City's Tyrone Denby, 151½, iced Jake Jenkins, 152, in four. Jenkins, of Philadelphia, suffered two knockdowns in the first but stormed back to hurt Denby in the second round wtih hard hooks to the body. The action continued at a fierce pace until Denby stretched Jenkins with a picture-perfect right to the jaw. The loser was out for several minutes.

Carlos Prigg, 164, of West Chester, scored an upset TKO over hard-punching Dennis Szychulski, 163. Prigg used his long arms to good advantage and peppered Dennis almost at will. A cut appeared over Szychulski' left eye in the fourth and the battered loser did not come out for the fifth frame.

In a close match of promising newcomers, Wayne King, 128, earned a four-round nod over South Philly's Jimmy Washington, 126. A knockdown scored by King in the second round was the big difference. The winner from Trenton, New Jersey.

▲**Bristo, Pa.**—Onetime great Stanley "Kitten" Hayward made one comeback too many and was stopped by New York club-fighter Larry "Tumbler" Davis after three tepid rounds. It will go into the record book as a fourth-round TKO for Davis.

Billy Wareham, 160, scored a repeat win over old timer Prince Nikita Tarhocker, 156. Wareham had things pretty much his way and the Prince was rescued in the third.

Al Little, 150, of Newark, was robbed in his four-rounder with Joe Tiberi, 151½, of New Castle, Delaware. Little pounded Tiberi in all but the third only to lose on the official's score-cards.

Trenton's Lou Daniels, 134, blasted New Yorker Eugene Brown, 136, for a second round kayo.

South Philly's Jimmy Washington, 126, reversed a loss suffered on the previous show and outpointed Wayne King, 126, of Trenton, over four. It was a lively scrap and a rubber match would please the fans.

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ACTION IN WEST AFRICA

By TRIGO HARRISON IBN EGKEGI

It has been Commonwealth (where our boxers enjoyed a fair share of success) African, West African and National championships. In Lagos, Percy Hayles of Jamaica failed to regain the Commonwealth Lightweight crown he forfeited when he was outscored by the champion, Dele Jonathan. Not a particularly good fight; Dele won on sheer aggression. There was talk of a meeting with Guts Ishimatsu Suzuki before the Nipponese lost to Esteban de Jesus. Australia's Tony Mundine flew into Accra and retained his Commonwealth Cruiser crown with a ninth round KO over Ghanaian challenger Victor Attivor. Attivor had earlier on caused sensation by knocking out Tony's countryman Steve Aczel in one. Against the champion tonight, he had no chance. Another Aussie, Billy Moeller, won the new Commonwealth Junior Lightweight title in Lagos when he outpointed local lad Mama Clay.

African championship fights also featured prominently. Salam Ouedrago of Ivory Coast dethroned Cameroun's Joseph Bessala for the African Welter crown. Idriss Konate of Senegal won the African Middleweight title beating Peter Assandoh of Ghana. En route to the finals, Konate had beaten another Ghanaian George Aiddo. In Accra, Dan Patterson lost to shifty Jo Kimpuani via a five round TKO for the African J/Welter Crown. Kimpuani is from the Congo but fights out if France. Another France-based African Loucif Hamani (who holds wins over Americans Emile Griffith and Rudy Robles) was expected to challenge for Sea Robinson's Junior Middleweight Crown. And in Bamako, Mali, Ba Sounkalo held on to his African Lightheavy title beating Victor Attivor. None of the boxers mentioned is rated by Ring.

In a West African Lightweight championship in Lagos, Hogan Jimoh stopped Ghana's Sonny Robertson in six. And for the national Middleweight championship of Nigeria, Billy Savage and Siki Panther waged a three time battle, with Siki winning—losing—winning.

▲**Lagos, Nigeria:** Little Joe failed to lift Eddie Ndukwu's national featherweight title, going down to defeat in four rounds. The inexperienced Little started the night's hostilities with fast combinations which only succeeded in grazing Eddie's forehead. Once the champion started the bombs, Little Joe quickly wilted. Three times in the second and third rounds he was down from body blows, and at bout's termination in the fourth was fast asleep on the canvas.

The champion turned pro only recently after a brilliant amateur career. He has represented the country in world, Olympic and Commonwealth games. He has met the best amateurs from Europe, America, Asia and Australasia. In fact, the choice of Little Joe was an insult to his skills. I think Eddie will fare favourably against top feathers like David Kotey and Venon Sollas and Art Hafey for the Commonwealth crown.

Billy Savage beat Gray Ibekwe in ten: Middleweights.

Sibina Achimota (Ghana) outpointed Yusuf Buraimoh over ten rounds: Middleweights. Sam Eke beat lucky Mofunanya in 8: Batamweight.

▲**Lagos, Nigeria:** After all the boasting and bragging, Hogan Jimoh found out he had stepped out of class as he attempted to lift Dele Jonathan's Commonwealth lightweight titles. The 32-year old champion defending his laurels for the second time proved too cagey, too ring-wise; first rope-a-doped then finally slammed the challenger to a halt in the seventh round. The fight itself fell far shot of expectation and the champion too failed to impress the 50,000 crowd. It was a war of a bout—fiercer than the Angolan war of liberation—oft-times bordering on street fighting.

In his attempt to score an early kayo, Hogan tore into the champion with savage left crosses and uppercuts. Dele, no coward, stormed back and a slugfest ensued. The challenger had Jonathan down in the first minute, but before the round ended, Hogan was also on the floor. Again in the second round, Dele slipped, and in the fourth, the two boxers wrestled themselves down. The turning point of the fight came in the fifth when Hogan made a desperate last charge throwing all the bombs he had at his opponent. But he began to get worried why his best punches could not put the champion down for good. Just then Jonathan dug in and nailed his opponent with crunching body shots. A wicked left cross had young Jimoh lurching to his corner with the champion in hot pursuit. Hogan looked imploringly towards his cornermen but manager Bonny Ade would not have that. After this, Hogan started to treat the champion with respect. By the sixth stanza, the agony in his face could be clearly seen and he always retreated in terro from the champion's subsequent offensives. He was now in bad shape as a result of the numerous body shots he had collected, and in the seventh raised his gloves in surrender. The defeat saw the twenty year old unbeaten Hogan's record nose-dive to 19-1-1.

In an appetizing semi Razak Kid Fujah outpointed Samson Popoola in a tener. The capacity crowd witnessed a replica of the Ali-Frazier thrilla in Manilla. Samson bored in repeatedly with sledge hammers chasing the fleet-footed Kid all night. The winner started fast landing five to one and making Samson miss time and again with a tricky mobility and intelligent footword a-la-Muhammad Ali. The loser gave hint of his punching power in the 6th when he dropped Fujah with a wicked right. But it was in this round that the Kid poured on the fireworks and had neutralized the knockdown by the round's end. The eighth was another big round for Samson, as he trapped the kid in a corner and flailed away relentlessly for over a minute. Fujah escaped with aching ribs, whereupon he elected not to trade with his opponent who obviously possessed the heavier artillery. The final two rounds were keenly fought with headhunter Fujah getting the better of the exchanges. I had the winner in front by 6-2-2. They are junior welters.

Austen Powers beat Rafiu Lion by TKO in 3. Scorpion Ofosu of Ghana tkod Siki Panther in 8; Middleweight. The Scorpion really came stinging deadly venom all night.

HALEY TAKES NEVADA JR. WELTER TITLE

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

Las Vegas—Local favorite Leroy Haley danced his way to the Nevada Junior Welterweight Title as he won a unanimous 12-round decision over Chino Bermudez of Mexico at the Silver Slipper Strip Fight of the Week.

The flamboyant Haley, whose black skin and Irish surname have earned him the fight name "Black Irishman," went wild, as he heard the decision. Leroy turned somersaults in the ring and grabbed the mike to spout some Ali-like oratory which ended with, "Duran, you're next!"

Haley's in-fight tactics were more subdued—but still unorthodox—as he concentrated on dancing his way around Bermudez, sticking and jabbing the tough Mexican all the while staying away to avoid an "inside" fight.

Bermudez managed two strong right hooks in the fourth round, and a butt in the fifth which cost Haley a severe cut over the left eye. Haley rebounded, however, by the middle of the fifth and continued his jabbing and dancing climaxed by four blistering inside punches to Bermudez' head in the eight round.

Bermudez showed some strength in the ninth round, but suffered a sweeping left from Haley at the end of the round.

The Mexican native managed a good right in the 12th round which sent Haley to his knees. The fall was, however, deemed a slip by referee Ferd Hernandez, and Haley finished the fight with his stick-and-move style, which earned him the victory and the state title.

This was the second bout between Haley and Bermudez. The first, a month earlier, ended in a draw. Haley admitted he was not at his best in this bout, and vowed never to make the same mistake again.

The title fight was preceded by two 8-round preliminaries. In the first, Las Vegas's Pete Constancio dropped a unanimous decision to Victor Hernandez. Both fighters, at 137½, showed lightning speed, but Hernandez, by far the tougher puncher, took an early advantage. .and maitained it throughout the fight.

In a second prelim, Bobby Swanson took a unanimous decision over Los Angeles' Armando Alatore. Alatore, at 158½, had trouble landing his punches, and Swanson took command by the third round.

McLEAY VS. JEROME RULED A DRAW

By Jim Johnston

VANCOUVER — Calgary heavy Earl McLeay, 206, was awarded a controversial twelve-round decision over Vancouver's George Jerome in a bout for the Western Canada heavyweight title. Jerome decked McLeay in the seventh round with a short left hook to the body and appeared to have won seven of the twelve rounds handily. Upon a review of the scoring, the Western Canada Boxing Council changed the decision to a draw.

Former Canadian lightweight champ Al Ford returned to ring wars as a junior welter at 143 pounds and won a unanimous eight-round duke over game Nick Alfaro, 142, of Phoenix, Arizona.

In a light-heavyweight bout, Mustaffa El Amin of Dallas outpointed Ron Whyte of Stockton in a brisk six-rounder. In the opener, a woman's bout, Caroline Svendsen stopped Nadine Rankin at 1:55 of the opening round. A crowd of 450 attended, resulting in a loss for promoter LeRoy Flamond.

Vancouver light-heavy Les Vegas journeyed to Olympia, Wash. and was stopped in the third by young Johnny Sullivan of Portland.

RINGSIDE

(Continued from page 43)

course. DORAZIO boxed JOE LOUIS for the heavyweight title in Philly on February 17, 1941. GUS had hopes of winning the world title. He is now 59 years old, retired from boxing and sits in the Ticket Grille, a friendly neighborhood bar in the 1300 block of Wharton Street in South Philadelphia and thinks how it might have been for him if only he had had a good night. DORAZIO ran into a short right hand punch that exploded out of the Convention Hall lights and his dream was over. . . .JACK GRIFFIN, former Pacific Coast welter and middleweight of the four-round days, died at Laguna Honda at the age of 75. . . .Los Angeles' famous lawyer, PAUL CARUS, is trying to buy heavyweight BERNARDO MERCADO from Nevada brothel owner JOE COMFORTE. . . .GEORGIE SMALL, former New York biffer is now operating a gym in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. SMALL is being assisted there by attorney HENRY MORALES who loves boxing and is just 30 years old.

CLARK ALMOST MADE IT

By HANK KAPLAN

Woody Clark of Miami reached the finals of the National AAU Tournament at Winston-Salem, North Carolina, only to drop a decision to Greg Page of Louisville, who won the heavyweight title. . .6w5e, 267 pounder, Lee Canalito, of Miami, picked up his fourth straight as a pro scoring a four round decision over Greg Sorrentino fighting under the Carmen Basilio banner in New York. The contest was nationally televised from St. Louis. . .Miamians were fed a varied diet of fight sites recently with shows coming from the Fontainebleau Hotel, the Miami Beach Convention Hall, the Miami Marine Stadium and the Miami Jai-Alai Fronton. . .Miami heavyweight, Tom Prater traveled to Orlando and knocked out tough Charlie Atlas of Batrot, LA. in the eighth round at the Orlando Stadium. Charley Parker, tough lightweight holdover from pre-World One days who fought Johnnie Dundee, Harry Carlson, Harry Kid Brown and Tommy Touhy among others, and still working out at 79, checked in at the Miami Beach Fifth Street Gym. . .Defending his Bahamas middleweight title, Rene Pinder, 159, Nassau, stopped the challenge of Sherwin Johnson, 157, Nassau, in round nine of a scheduled 12-rounder. The bout at Nassau was stopped due to a cut under Johnson's eye. . .Carl Baker took a unanimous decision from Phil Fritz in a heavyweight duel on the same show. . .Bobby "Rico" Hoye, most recent addition to the Miami boxing fraternity, is down to fighting weight at 160 and prepping for future ring action under the direction of Angelo Dundee. . .After a ring absence of about four years, Johnny Hudgins, is back on the heavyweight boxing scene. . .Doug Romano, West Boston, brother of better known Al Romano, is shaping up locally with an eye on future welterweights action. . .Lightheavyweight Ernie Barr, of Nassau, is showing vast improvement and seeking out of state action. . .World lightweight champion, Estaban De Jesus, of San Juan, spent a couple of weeks on Miami Beach training for his defense against Vicente Saldivar Mijares of Mexico. . .

In amateur action at the Elizabeth Virrick Gym, welterweight Kenny Whetstone, 144, won a unanimous decision over Billy Cunningham,* 143, in the featured AAU action, while in another main event, Billy Cunningham dropped another duke to Carl Stampley. . .

▲Miami, Florida — The ghosts of John L. Sullivan and John Flood were revived in a stormy and wind-driven rainy night on Biscayne Bay. It was in 1881 when these two worthies helped to popularize boxing on a barge anchored off Yonkers, New York. In the spirit of the day when it was normal to pitch a ring on a floating flat off the mainland in order to escape the jurisdiction of the local gendernes.

Promoter Chris Dundee re-introduced barge boxing at the Miami Marine Stadium located on Key Biscayne off the Eddie Rickenbacher Causeway. In the ten round main-event, Johnny Pinney, Tampa, decisioned Marcel Clay, Opa-Locka, in a closely contested middleweight bout. Neither performer was at top form and the fight produced few exciting moments. Pinney is now 30-2-4 while Clay dropped to 19-7-0.

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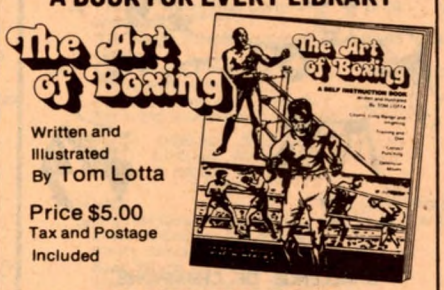

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In a supporting ten rounder, Nat King, 165, Douglas, Ga., decisioned Mike Morgan, 163¼, Tampa. Despite recent inactivity, King showed aggressiveness on the slippery deck. In an eight round match, Bobby Lloyd, 174, Fort Lauderdale, gained a split-decision over Marlin Lewis, 178, third part of a triumvirate from Tampa. The bout was popularly voted the best fight on the card as Lewis kept rebounding from Lloyd's body assaults. Both fighters struggled for footholds on the rain—slickened ring floor.

Making his pro debut, Rocky Casola, 204, Miami, knocked out Dic Johnson, 178, Orlando, in round one.

Proceeds went to the Archie Stone Foundation. The weather-threatened night held the crowd down to under 1,000 fans.

▲Miami, Florida — For the first time in almost 40 years a live boxing show was held at the Miami Jai-Alai Fronton; with 54 rounds of boxing scheduled under Promoter Chris Dundee to re-introduce boxing to Miami fans.

In the feature of three 10-rounders, Adolpho Viruet, 147, Phoenix, Ariz., formerly of New York, out-hustle promising Juan Hidalgo, 143, Miami, to win unanimous decision. Hidalgo was content to remain the stylish boxer for seven rounds while Viruet piled up points with a busy southpaw stance. In the eighth, Hidalgo unwound his assorted arsenal and took the last three rounds, but not enough to gain the victory.

In the second ten, Rodney Bobick, brother of Duane, 243, Bowlus, Minn., scheduled to oppose Pedro Lovell, found substitute Walter White, 191, Tampa, a willing opponent but outpunched him to capture the judges vote after 10 rounds of hard fighting. In the third 10, Vinnie Curto, 161¾, of Boston, a one-time Miami Beach favorite, took his third straight decision over Nat King, 170, Douglas, Ga.

In an eight, ambitious Bobby Lloyd, 176, Fort Lauderdale, turned on the heat to unanimously defeat Ed "Savage" Turner, 179, Orlando. Willie Harp, 165, Boynton Beach, split-decisioned anxious Jody Parker, 162¼, Miami in four. Sammy Massias, 149¾, Homestead, outpointed Richie Gonzalez, 146, New Orleans, in a contest which had the fans on the edge of their seats for four rounds.

Rocky McCaleb, St. Paul, Minnesota, outboxed Tracy Steele, 290, in a pleasing four rounder. McCaleb, at 217¼, gave away a few pounds to win his third straight as a professional. In a scheduled four, Rocky Cosola, 197, Miami, used a body attack to dump Walter Steiner, 192, Miami, in the first round. Steiner was painfully doubled up on the deck as the referee tolled the ten count.

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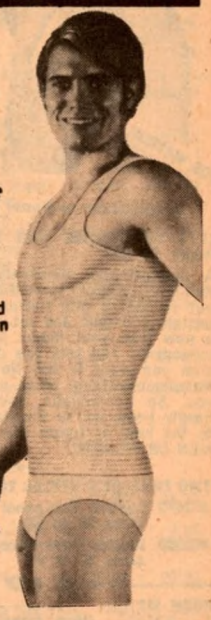

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WELTER LEWIS GAINS SPLIT NOD OVER HARRY

By GEORGE C. BECKLES

Port of Spain — Vernon Lewis, welterweight champion of the Republic of Guyana, scored three knockdowns in the seventh round to gain a split decision over Roy Harry, welterweight champ of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago before a small crowd at Woodbridge Youth Centre.

Judge George Cumberbatch (46-41) and Judge Ken Laughlin (46-44) both voted for Lewis. Referee Ralph Garcia voted for Harry, (46-43).

The hectic fight was fairly even up to the seventh when Lewis floored Harry three times with a hectic right. However, Harry rocked Lewis with a left-right combination but seemed too weak to smoke out Lewis. Both scaled 147 pounds.

Michael Paul, 158½, gained a split 10 round decision over Nathaniel Jones, 161, in the supporting 10. In sixes, Michael Parson, 141, decisioned Selwyn Figaro, 146½, and Lester Miller, 145½, beat Victor Daly, 146½.

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HEAIR UPSET BY HARRIS

By JOEL LIPSITT

Holiday Inn, Rivermont, Memphis, Tennessee—Before a lively and enthusiastic crowd of 1,950, misfortune struck as one time top lightweight contender Jimmy Heair, 138, was upset by relatively little known Freddie "The Stepper" Harris, 135, Bossier City, Louisiana, in the 10 round main event.

Although the rounds were extremely close, the scoring was unanimous. It was Jimmy's local debut as he had just recently moved to Memphis where he had hoped to establish a new home base. However, Heair has begun to show evidence of his recent ring wars which now total 66. This evening it was quite obvious that the once sharp punching and effective combinations of Jimmy's are gone. His performance was lackluster, timing was off and his punches lacked authority. Even with all this, this observer honestly felt that Jimmy deserved a close victory based on the facts that he fought an entire three minutes of each round, was an effective aggressor and not once did he give ground. Outside of the 1st round in which Harris won decisively, Freddie fought only in spurts of each proceding round, content to slip and slide and occasionally landing loud slapping blows which no doubt caught the fancy of all officials.

In the best brawl of the night, an 8 round semifinal, sleek hard punching midleweight Jerry Celestine, 165, New Orleans, Louisiana, got up quickly off the floor in the early stages of the first round to impressively destroy a game and determined heavy fisted youngster, Tony McMinn, 167, Qupaw, Oklahoma, in 1:30 of the fourth stanza. In the 4th round, Celestine connected with two quick short right crosses and iced Tony flat on his back in a neutral corner. It was a full two minutes before Tony arose. Fans gave both battlers a standing ovation for their performance.

In another exciting action packed pier sixer, Phil Reed, 148, Memphis, scored a unanimous four round decision over a real brawler, Donny London, 146, Little Rock, who certainly came to fight.

In another 4 rounder, Eddie Freeman, 125, Memphis, making a courageous comeback from a severely broken jaw received in November, made short work of southpaw Leonard Boyd, 126, Little Rock, and KO'd him in 1:50 of the second round with a volley of well placed body shots. Freeman sitting in a neutral corner with gloves draped over the lower strands was in obvious distress.

In the curtain raiser of the evening, former great amateur star and considered the darling of Memphis fans, Joey Hadley, 170, son of one of the promoters, displayed some awesome firepower in poleaxing and ill conditioned John McClendon, 193, Little Rock, in 2:00 of the first heat.

Promoters Jack Lazarov, Joe Hadley, Tom Harmon and Red Fortner, a former local amateur star himself, are to be commended for the tremendous efforts they are putting forth to revitalize professional boxing in Memphis.

AMATUER BOXING BEAT

Its an idea that is so good that you wonder why nobody ever thought of it before—a boxing camp for youngsters aged nine to eighteen

Camp Y-Noah, which is located about midway between Akron and Canton, Ohio, has set up a one week program for amateur boxers June 19-25, and unless we are badly mistaken, this is something which is going to attract imitaters all over the country in the next few years.

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In addition to the staff, a panel of six guest coaches helped the campers. The panel included Earnie Shavers, the hard punching heavyweight; Ronnie Harris, middleweight who was a gold medalist in the 1968 Olympics; Pete Rademacher, 1956 Olympic heavyweight gold medalist who fought Floyd Patterson for the world championship; Doyle Baird, who fought then middleweight champion Nino Benvenuti to a draw in 1968; Ray Anderson, a top rated light heavyweight for more than a decade, and Fate Davis of Akron, who met the best welterweight and middleweights for more than ten years, and who has much experience working with young boxers.

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International competition continues at a strong and steady pace. First a 16-man United States team made a highly successful sweep of Scandinavia, and then the Irish National Boxing Team invaded the U.S., for three engagements against local talent from the Northeast.

While the U.S. swing through Northern Europe produced more satisfactory results from a partisan American point of view, the Irish visit may have been more significant. The fact that the visitors were not meeting seasoned U.S. internationalists, but rather were matched against local fighters from Paterson, New Jersey; Soranton, Pennsylvania, and Lowell, Massachusetts, added a new dimension to the competition.

The success of the tour confirmed the views expressed by Lou Duva, the tour director, and Col. Don Hull, the AAU. This would be a boost for amateur boxing across the country, with a wide variety of amateur boxers gaining valuable international experience, they pointed out.

Predictably, the Irish went home with the lion's share of the honors, although in the opener in Paterson, they were defeated by the Jersey Gladiators, a new club consisting mostly of Jersey Golden Gloves champions and finalists, with a sellout crowd of 3,000 lending noisy support, the Americans won six of the nine bouts.

The Irish won, 4-2, in Soranton, the second stop on the tour, and five nights later in Lowell, the pulled out a 5-4 verdict. Attendance was good for both of these cards, too.

Two pairs of brothers took the spotlight for the Americana in Paterson and Lowell. Middleweight Rusty Rosenberger, imported by the Jersey Gladiators from Warren, Ohio, was named the outstanding boxer in Paterson after scoring an impressive decision over Ed McDonnell of Belfast. Rusty's younger brother, Razor, defeated welterweight Matt Cowan of Dublin.

Dominick and Fred Roach of Boston both scored knockouts in Lowell. They are bantamweights. Dominick, a former New England Golden Gloves champion, halted Sean Russel in the first round, and Fred stopped John Finn in the third.

The American standouts in Soranton were Joe Cox, at 165, and heavyweight Marty Capasso, who won in two and one round, respectively.

Top stars in the U.S. team's triumphant swing through Norse country were heavyweight Rick Jester(Detroit), light welter Ronnie Shields(Port Arthur, Texas), bantam Jerry Smith(Sherveport, Lousiiana), Each man had four wins and no losses.

The Americans breezed through matches in Helsinki, Finland (USA 7, Finland 2); Aalborg, Denmark (USA 8, Denmark/West Germany 0); Vejle, Denmark (USA 8, Denmark/West Germany 3); Flensburg, West Germany (USA 6, West Germany 3), and Goteborg, Swenen (USA 9-Sweden 0). It added up to forty wins in forty-eight bouts for the Americans.

There was only one 1976 Olympian among the tourists, Clint Jackson, the light middleweight from Nashville, Tennessee. Jackson was a winner on the first two stops, but then had to return home because of the illness of his father.

Two Americans were three-for-three. They were light welter Thomas Hearns of Detroit and featherweight Wayne Lynmun of Chicago. Heavyweight James Tillis of Oklahoma City won his two bouts and and flyweight Wlifredo Esperon, from Desle Air Force Base, California, won his only bout.

Heavyweight Perscell Davis of Detroit had a 4-1 record on the tour. His lone defeat came to the hands of West German Olympic veteran Peter Hussing. Lindell Holmes, middleweight from Toledo, Ohio, also turned in a strong showing. He had a 3-1 mark.

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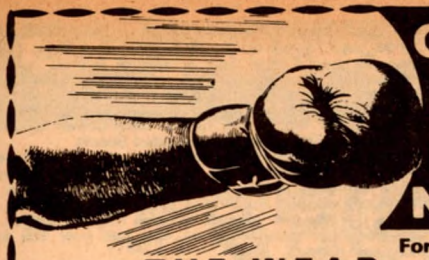

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AGUIRRE DISPOSES CHANNEL QUICKLY

By HARLAN HAAS

Houston, Texas — Promoter Ruben Guerra and his Matchmaker Jose Gonzales continue to keep professional boxing going with a steady diet of shows in Guerra's beautiful Latin World Arena night club which has accommodations for 3,500 people. Raul Aguirre wasted little time in disposing of Oklahoma City's Steve Channel. A left hook to the head, followed by a smashing right hand to the liver, finished it. Channel was counted out in 1:16 of round one. Aguirre, a native of Torreon, Mexico, now living in San Antonio under the direction of Blackie Ramon, has knockouts over Sammy Nesmith and Fate Davis. The kayo over Channel came as no big surprise. Aguirre weighed 148, Channel 147.

The semifinal was also over in a hurry as tall southpaw Donnie Melancon, 161, stopped heavier Jose Luis Gonzales, 170, in 1:28 of the opening round. Melancon nailed Gonzales with a smashing straight left to the solar plexus region and the Reynosa battler fell backwards with his right leg doubled under him. He stretched the leg out and tried to raise his head but couldn't get his body off the deck.

In an action packed eight rounder Jaime Izaguire, 139, Reynosa, stopped Ricardo Aguilar, 141, Corpus Christi, in the eighth round. They whaled away at one another in a real socrcher. Izaguirre was the better boxer, but Aguilar carried the heavier artillery. Aguilar tossed overhand rights that repeatedly found their mark, but began tiring in the fifth. The smooth boxing Izaguirre then began to take charge. The 7th round was fought at a blistering pace with Aguilar's left eye closing fast. The bell rang for the eighth, but Aguilar was unable to come out.

Jose Soto, 135, Reynosa, scored a unanimous six round decision over Francisco Javier Rodriguez, 135, San Antonio, in a bout that had the large crowd buzzing with excitement. The third round was toe to toe and Rodriguez went down from a body shot and right hand to the head and was bleeding badly from nose and mouth. He arose at the count of three, taking the mandatory eight count from Referee Bob Martin.

Popular Ruben Nuncio, 156, Houston, scored a three round technical kayo over the much more experienced Arturo Cirillo, 151, San Antonio, in the four round curtain raiser. A left hook staggered Cirillo, and Ref Bill Yeager halted the contest. It was Nuncio's second straight victory and kayo as a pro. Referees Bob Martin and Bill Yeager did a fine job officiating the Latin World fights.

▲Conroe, Texas — Boxing bouts at The Woodlands Inn on the eve of the Houston Open Golf Tournament was a prestigious undertaking for the initial venture of former top heavyweight contender Roy Harris of Cut 'n Shoot. About 1,200 fans attended.

Daryl Brumley, 159, Cut 'n Shoot, wasted little time, roaring out of his corner to deck much more experienced Mike Morgan, 159, Minneapolis, for a nine count in the first minute of fighting. It was apparent that Morgan was going to be in for a long evening and it was just that. Morgan gave it a good try but didn't pack enough heavy artillery to make the bomb tossing Brumley respect him. Morgan took a frightful beating in the fourth, and was in grave distress and on very wobbly pins. Manager Lou Viscusi came to the corner, looked at Mike and decided that Morgan, still in somewhat of a fog, should not continue. Brumley was awarded a fifth round kayo. Doug Ahonen, 222, Tampa (by way of Detroit), captured a six round decision over clowning Vernon Johnston, 198, Beaumont. This one had it all—comedy, heavy punching, good boxing, conversation between the fighters—you name it. Ahonen, a good looking prospect, was making his professional debut and showed a rapid fire left jab and a hard straight right. He took a couple of healthy wallops without flinching and went six rounds like a much more experienced fighter. He carries 222 pounds on a 6-4 frame. Both fighters received a standing ovation. The six round opener saw John English, 150, Houston, pound out a decision over willing Sammy Holley, 156, in a gruelling battle. English remains unbeaten as a pro.

▲Fort Worth, Texas — Huge Bernardo Mercado, 217, needed but two rounds to dispose of Randy Stephens, 207. Mercado bears watching. Another Fort Worth native fell from the ranks of the undefeated when Nick Wells, 199, was stopped in the ninth round by Mike Koranicki, 197, Philadelphia. Billy Miller, 148, Ft. Worth, kayoed John Morgan, 142, Ft. Worth, in the third. Dave McMinn, 156, decisioned Ronnie Ford, 153, in four. Carl Ivy, 185, hammered out a four round win over Lee Holloman, 196.

▲Laredo, Texas — Sergio Reyes, 117, kayoed Melvin Johnson, 118, in three rounds. Another scheduled 10 rounder was also shortlived as Joaquin Rodriguez, 113, was knocked out in the third by Tony Moreno, 113, of San Antonio. A third 10 also failed to go the distance when Gilbert (Machete) Galvan, stopped Jose de la Cruz, 140, in the second round. Juan Ramirez, 137, stopped Johnny Flores, 135, in the fourth round of a scheduled eight.

▲Grapevine talk — Welterweight Melvin Dennis and manager Robert Bish have split. Dennis decided he wanted to go it on his own. . .David Balthazar, one of the finest trainers in the South sings the praise of 140-pound Silverio (Sil) Martinez, a junior welterweight. The bushy haired Martinez, one time bad boy of the streets, is now much more reserved, and his fists have been speaking for him only in the ring. It is the writer's opinion Martinez will make a hit on the Coast.

WELLS, PINNEY WIN TKO'S

By BRUCE TRAMPLER

ORLANDO, Florida—Two of the most popular fighters ever to appear in Central Florida, Irish Gene Wells and John Pinney, were TKO winners in promoter Pete Ashlock's double main event at Sports Stadium.

Wells, 154, scored four knockdowns as he whacked out Tony Daniels, 155, Miami, in the second round. The 33-year-old Irish scrapper, appearing for the sixth time this year, boosted his record to 54-11-5, with 23 kayos.

Pinney, overweight as usual at 173, came up from Tampa with handlers Joe Brady and Art Fogarty and scored an eight-round stoppage over late sub Alfonso Aguirre, 164, San Antonio. Pinney (27-2-4) has lost only to Wells and to Mike Rossman at Madison Square Garden.

In an eight-round rematch, Kip Braden, 161, Sanford, stopped Eddie Davis, 153, Tampa, in the seventh when Davis suffered a possible broken nose.

Tiger Hall, 150, Sarasota, picked up a rare win when he halted debuting David Graham, 142, Knoxville, on cuts in the fourth and final round. Amateur winners on the undercard included Barron and Sammy Sweet, Chris Rizzo of St. Pete, and Eddie Chadwick of Lake wWales.

▲CLEVELAND—When Joe Polo decided to promote a card at the Holiday Inn in suburban Independance, it was only natural that he would want to use boxers handled by his cousin, Dominick Polo, down in Orlando.

So, Frankie Santore, 135, Orlando, halted Roberto Castillo, 133, Fort Worth, in the fourth round of their scheduled 10-rounder, and 18-year-old Scotty (Golden Boy) Clark, 149, Orlando, stopped Ponce Ortiz, 152, now fighting out of Indianapolis, in round two. Orlando matchmaker Bruce Trampler presented the first women's bout in Cleveland history, with Joe Thomas, 126, Chicago, outpointing Bonnie Presswood, 123½, Muncie, Indl, in four rounds. Jack Cowen handled the winner, while Chris McIntosh seconded Bonnie.

In other action: Paul (Red) Marcum, 127, Cleveland, showed improvement as he duked tough Barton Robinson, 126, Indianapolis, in six. Comebacking Bobby Haymon, 146, Cleveland, stopped Bobby Orr, 148, Chicago, in two. And Donnie Garrett, 148, Muncie, stopped Eugene Bridges, 150, Chicago, in three. Attendance was just over 900 in the 1,200-seat room.

▲TAMPA, Florida—Milton (Black Widow) Owens, 164, won his 15th without defeat, despite a broken left hand suffered in the first round, when he blasted out rugged Jose Luis Gonzalez, 173, San Antonio, in the fourth round.

In other bouts: Scotty (Golden Boy) Clark outpunched Cliff Johnson in a welterweight 8-rounder. . .heavyweight Lou Esa stopped Willie Goodman in two. . .Eddie Davis boxed an 8-round draw with middleweight Slick Mitchell. . .and debuting middleweight Frankie Suarez belted out Eddie Walker in tow.

▲TALLAHASSEE, Florida—Buzzy Mage and Millard Collins of the Capital Boxing Club ran their second show of the year, with Bruce Trampler as matchmaker.

Tony Gardner, 156, Memphis, boxing for the 11th time in 1977, scored six knockdowns as he decisively outslugged tough Max Hord, 157, Fernandina Beach, Florida, for a unanimous 10-round decision.

The undercard was a case of the quick and the dead. Scotty Clark, 146, Orlando, whacked out Louis Williams, 150, Memphis, in the first round. Willie Goodman, 195, Eustis, Floria, scored three knockdowns to TKO Leroy Cook, 194, Pennsacola, in one session.

Jimmy Cook, 156, Pennsacola, the big favorite of fans here, took two rounds to destroy David Tymes, 153, Memphis. And comebacking Frank Jiminez, 160, formerly of Minneapolis but now boxing out of Tallahassee as a local hero, blitzed Eddie Walker, 152, Eustis, in round one. Orlando amateur heavyweight Raymond Mose boxed twice, winning a decision and coming back later in the evening, only to get stopped in the second round by another foe. Tallahassee amateur welter Jack Seckel stopped Orlando's Eddie Chadwick in three.

▲PENSACOLA, Florida—Warren Mathews of New Orleans, former Southern featherweight champ, took just three rounds to halt Roberto Tijerina of Dallas with a series of blazing punches. It was scheduled for 10 rounds, and Matthews raised his record to 15-4-1.

Tough Jerry Celestine, New Orleans, halted Pensacola light heavyweight Frank Bass in four. Al Campbell, New Orleans, stopped Dennis Haggerty of Dallas in the third of their middleweight tussle.

Wlater Sentamore, New Orleans heavyweight, outpointed debuting loca boy Tom Nixon, who is under the tutelage of capable veteran Johnny Walker. In a lightweight bout, Mike Theriot of New Orleans wasted no time in stopping Bob Sterling in one.

▲ORLANDO—Only three weeks after taking two .22 magnum slugs during a dispute with his girlfriend, Southern middleweight champion Irish Gene Wells, 156, Orlando, was back in the ring to avenge an old defeat by stopping former titleholder Emmett Atlas, 153½, Bastrop Louisiana, at 1:20 of the eighth round.

Wells (53-11-5, 22 KOs) looked very sharp, drilling in right hands and finishing up combinations with sizzling hooks.

It was not a good evening for the Atlas brothers. Charles Atlas, a muscular 195, scored an opening-round knockdown but then was pounded into a TKO defeat, also in eight rounds, by Tommy Prater, 205, Miami and Indianapolis.

In the opening six-rounder, 18-year-old Scotty (Golden Boy) Clark, 147, Orlando, subbed for arch-rival Sammy Masias on one day's notice. Clark hammered out a two-round kayo over Eddie Walker, 154, Mt. Dora, gaining his eleventh straight win and moving him to 15-1 overall.

Six amateur bouts opened the card. Winners included Mike and Donald Monks of Forest City, Orlando's James Lingo, and Martin Ryals of Homestead, whose brother Kenny battled to a draw with Bob Frantino of Lakeland.

▲ORLANDO—Expecting his toughest test, unbeaten Milton (Black Widow) Owens, 164, made easy work of rough Rennie Pinder, 165, Bahamas, whom Owens stopped in the fifth round.

Fast climbing Frankie Santore, 134, Orlando, gained his sixth straight win and moved to 22-3-1 overall by whacking out Jose Luis Medrano, 132, San Antonio, in the second round. Santore, a tough Italian kid attending Florida Tehcnological University, scored his 16th KO win.

Scotty (Golden Boy) Clark, 145, Orlando, needed five rounds to bust up tough Ray Sepulveda, 149, Houston, for an impressive TKO win. Clark is now 14-1.

Comebacking Frankie Otero, 146, Miami, the former North American junior lightweight champion, hit the deck in round one, but rallied to take out newcomer Danny Adams, 150, Crosby, Tennessee, in the third round.

Henry (Slick) Mitchell, 159, Jacksonville and Brunswick, Georgia, outpointed debuting Charles Banks, 165, Zellwood, in the four-round curtain raiser. Three amateur matches began the card.

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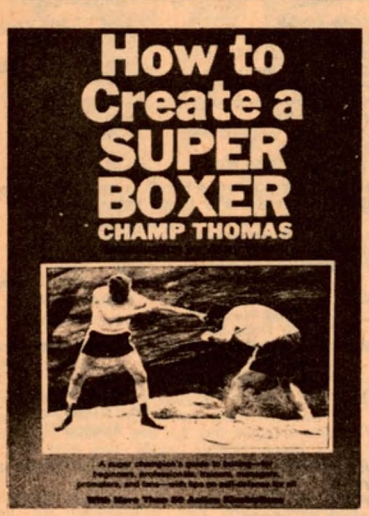

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FURUYAMA STOPS CHO IN 5

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

▲TOKYO, JAPAN—Two cards took place at Korakuen Hall at noon and at night. Japan's national junior welterweight champion Tetsuo Furuyama, 146¼, faced hard-hitting Cho Min, Korea's top welterweight contender at 146½, impressively stopping him in the fifth round of their montitle 'high noon' tenner before 1200 spectators. Veteran Cho was the battler who had fought Ryu Sorimachi for the Orient welter throne twice, both of which had resulted in well-received draws in 1975. Lefty Furuyama commenced a face-to-face attack from the start, sending smashing lefts to the face of Cho, who responded to the Japanese with powerful rights. The 30-year-old Korean took another round, in the second session, when Cho shook up Furuyama, 29, with long and short rights to the southpaw's chin, almost becoming the first man to have the iron-jawed Japanese on the deck.

The tide turned in the third canto. Furuyama aimed at Cho's midsection suddenly to have the opponent retreating. In 3.05 of the fifth round, a knockout happened, as Furuyama scored a strong left following a vicious combo to Cho's face. The Korean who had compiled a 37-10-4 record wtih 26 KOs downed near the ropes, regained the feet staggeringly and went back to his own corner never to turn back within the fatal ten. Furuyama, who had been a sparring partner of Guts Ishimatsu for the latter's shot at Muangsurin's WBC 140-pound class title, upped his record to 28 wins and 20 kayoes against 8 defeats and 8 draws.

In a companion tenner Masahiro Kato, former Shinjin-o winner, managed to outpoint Yohi Arai, JBC No. 3 contender from Osaka. Both scaled at 142 pounds.

In a preliminary eight rounder, rookie Kesaharu Tsuruta, 125½ and Shinjin-o victor of this year, continued his steak to nine with six knockouts, as he demolished more experienced footworker Toshiaki Kuwata, 126, in the sixth round.

In a tenner, having been finished in three upset rounds just one year ago, Masahiro Yokai turned the tables with a tenth and final round kayo over Mitsuyuki Nakane, whose recent layoff caused this setback. They tipped the beam at 136 pounds.

In a semi-final eight Mitsuo Koide decisioned Masami Ito unanimously. Both weighed in at 134½.

▲OSAKA—A dual tenner was held at Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium to cause a well-packed crowd's surprise with an upset result. Onesidedly decisioned by Ryu Sorimachi for all his determined attack at Korekuen Hall last February, Minoru Ono of Tokyo, 152¾, engaged a trial stone game with Hidemori Tsujimoto, 33 years-of-age oldest active soldier in Nippon and ex-lightweight champ, whom Ono polished off in the eighth round. Tsujimoto, 151½, and JBC No.2 junior middleweight man, hit the deck due to a vicious right at the chin in the opening session. With his usual Ali style footwork Tsujimoto tried to outmaneuver the non-stop rookie, but in vain. Ono, who appeared to know nothing but a one-two combo, chased the veteran in every round, whether his punches hit the target or not. In round eight Ono caught the fading Tsujimoto, floored him twice and had the ref award him an important win.

In a supporting ten, Sunny Mason Koga, imported Kenyan living in Osaka, sank Hiro Inada, 134½, in the sixth round. The African victor weighed a quarter pound heavier.

A preliminary eight witnessed local Shinjin-o winner Haruki Miyagawa, sharp hitting but vulnerable jawed rookie, got finished by Ichiro Izawa, 137¾, Miyagawa weighed 140.

▲OHMIYA—Short but vigorous Torayuki (Murakami) Nanasha, 107 pounds, showed his first appearance since he had won the Shinjin-o final at Korakuen Hall last month. Torayuki caught Tohru Miki, who had continued a losing run, with a good combination to stop him in the fifth round. The loser weighed 106¾.

In a preliminary sixer, Hammer Yoshida outscored Fujimi Wada. They scaled at 112¼.

Shoichi Abe, 131, and Roller Hayama, 131 also, battled to a draw in a busy six.

▲TOKYO—A triple tenner had some 1300 customers in attendance at Korakuen Hall with Toyo Public Club's as many main eventers. Shorter at four-foot nine-inches, Kazunori Tenryu, JBC titlist at 108¼, traded blows all the way in spite of Kim Sung-Joon's tremendous durability and earned a shutout decision in 10 frames.

The officials scored the monotonously lopsided game; Tezaki 50-44, Morita 50-45 and Sasaki 50-44 all in Tenryu's favor.

Promising ex-amateur champ Toshiaki Suzuki, 163½, hardly seemed sweaty, as he easily demolished Nessie Horiguchi, 162 pounds, in 96 seconds of the first sexxion in the former's second pro outing. Suzuki, hard-punching six footer, may become a worthy challenger against unbeaten JBC champ Masashi Kudo, if he possesses stamina and durability in receiving punches.

Another rookie Hikaru Tomonari, 128 pounds, kept undefeated in polishing off slick punching Koji Kunishige, 127½, in 53 seconds of the fourth round.

In a supporting sixer, Kazuyoshi Tamashiro outpointed Yoshio Kimi, who weighed in at 113 pounds as did the former.

▲TOKYO—29-year-old Orient welterweight leader Byu Sorimachi, 154 pounds, fought stout puncher Sumio Kai, JBC top junior middleweight contender, to pound out a lopsided shutout decision in 10 frames at Korakuen Hall. Some 1500 spectators found Sorimachi in fine shape.

Kai, 26 years of age and 153½ pounds, had finished 13 men in his previous 14 wins against 5 defeats, however proved no match against the slick punching Ryu.

JBC officials scored the onesided affair all in Ryu's favor; referee Ugo 50-44, judges Yoshida 50-43 and Morita 50-42. For Sorimachi the shutout nod brought him to 54-9-4 with 32 knockouts.

A supporting eight rounder featuring this year's best Shinjin-o rookie Hiroo Anan. It was his first showing since his kayo in the All Japan final in February, and it resulted in a hard-fought stoppage in round seven. Unbeaten bantie Anan, 117½, displayed wild combinations at the more experienced Kazuhiko Takuno's face, and took the lead all the way despite the latter's tremendous durability, and iced him with a smashing one-two with only four seconds remaining in the fatal canto. Anan, 21, upped his record to 9-0-1 with seven kayoes. The 24 year-old Takuno scaled in at 118 pounds, the limit of the class.

In another eight, rugged newcomer Tadashi Akiyama, 128½, repeated a give-and-take brawl to outpower Suketoshi Maruyama, 128¼, winning a close but uninimous decision. Akiyama is now 10-2 with five KOs.

In a scheduled sixer, Chikara Ryu, former kick boxer at 134½, collapsed twice and out at the fast hand of Toshio Yamagi, 135, in 91 seconds of an opening session.

▲TOKYO—Some 1300 fans were in attendance.

Kaneko's unbeaten pupil Eijiro Murata, 20 and JBC No. 4 bantamweight contender, faced a rough and tough opponent named Jo Araki, of Hiroshima, 120, and failed to continue and expected kayo streak since his pro debut to five, but gained a quite unanimous decision in 10 heats.

Murata, 120, tried to finish his fading foe, but only found how durable Araki was.

Scoresheets were registered by JBC judges as 50-43, 50-43 and 50-44 for the hope.

A dual eight rounder, which each finished in a knockout, won hot praise from the crowd. Lefty ex-Shijin-o victor Tetsumasa Naga, 117¾, revealed a wicked left hand in demolishing Yuji Hirokawa, half a pound heavier, with two knockdowns in the second round, while another lefthander Yoshitaka Ikehara, 128½ and stablemate of Murata, traded plenty of lefts to the face of Yoshio Tano, 128¼, knocking him out in the seventh round.

Atomic Kurusu, taller guy from Hiroshima at 122, was outsped and outpunched by Masaaki Kondo, 121, who copped a unanimous nod in six.

Shoji Shiranuka, 134½, scored a first round kayo from Jun'ichi Onodera, 135, with one vicious left hook in 97 seconds.

▲OSAKA—Badly polished off by Royal Kobayashi in Shiga Prefecture 75 days ago, local hope Jun'ichi Ohkubo, 121½, returned to action, met Korea's Ra Dae-Sung, 121, and defeated him by a close but popular decision in 10 see-saw rounds at Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium. Ohkubo, ex-Shinjin-o winner in Osaka, is rated No. 6 junior featherweight contender by JBC, while Ra came to Japan as KBC's No. 2 bantam ranker.

▲HOFU, YAMAGUCHI—When Masa Ito dethroned Tamio Negishi by a hairline decision three months ago, people in Tokyo described the former's win as a fluke, underrating Ito's powerless but fast hand. In their rematch in the same place Negishi, 134½, gained an important win from Ito by a split 10 round decision to recapture the JBC lightweight title.

▲KWANGJU, KOREA—Orient middleweight champion Yuh Jae-Do knocked out Saburo Sakai, Japan, in the second round of a scheduled 12 round title contest to register the 18th record-breaking defense in the OBF (Orient Boxing Federation). Yuh's long reign will depend on JBC champ Masashi Kudo's crack at the Korean's 160 pound class leadership, which Yuh had wrested by a kayo from Cassius Naito in September, 1971. Kudo, undefeated in 14 outings, is willing to meet Yuh for all Jae-Do's criticized reluctance.

▲SEOUL, KOREA—Before new JBC bantan titlist Tsuyoshi Okabe responded to a return bout with Go Numata, the former went to Korea to engage in a tune-up 10 rounder with unknown unheralded Lee Keo-Sung, KBC No. 3 junior featherweight contender. However, surprisingly our champ was kayoed by the rising guy in the fifth round.

ELIZONDO RETAINS MEXICAN MIDDLE TITLE

By EDUARDO AMER

Manuel Elizondo scored a TKO over Rogelio "Buffalo" Vera to retain the Mexican middleweight championship. The end came in the second round in a bout that highlighted the fistic scene in Mexico. Both fighters weighed 159 pounds.

▲Ciudad Mante, Tamaulipas — Manuel Elizondo, 159, TKO'd Rogelio "Buffalo" Vera, in two, to retain Mexican middleweight championship; "Hielero" Castillo, 127, whipped Reyes Torres, 128, in 10.

▲Tijuana, Baja California — Antonio Nava, 125, defeated Jose Luis Hernandez, 125, in 10. Aureliano Castillo, 112, won by a disqualification over Manuel Hernandez, 125, in 10.

▲Mexico City — Miguel Angel Juarez, 124, KO'd Chucho Hernandez, 125, in two; Silvestre Victores, 124, stopped Tino Nunez, 125, in four; Miguel Landon, 110, gained a decision over Jaime Rosas, 110, in eight; Jose Reyes, 113, bombed Carlos Aguilar, 112, in one; Nacho Cabrera, 116, demolished Magallo Alvarado, 115, in one.

▲Monterrey, Nuevo Leon — Ruben Rivera, 181, won by a disqualification over Juan Olvera, 189, in five, to retain Mexican heavyweight crown; Roberto Madrid, 124, decisioned Grimaldo Romo, 124, in ten.

▲Guadalajara, Jalisco — Angel Lopez, 124, TKO'd Alfredo Carranza, 124, in nine. Francisco Ortiz, 125, TKO'd Francisco Acosta, 125, in three.

▲Acapulco, Guerrero — Jesus Lopez, 117, embalmed Obdulio "Copola" Suastegui, 118, in five; Jaime Islas, 126, and Carlos Hernandez, 125, drew in ten.

▲San Andres Tuxtla, Veracruz — Mario Gatica, 112, kayoed Luis Silva, 111, in two; Miguel "Rancherito" Fernandez, 114, TKO'd Baltazar "Chamaco" Aguilar, 114, in five.

▲Tijuana, Baja California — Ignacio "Negro" Campos, 124, flattened "Pollo" Lopez, 125, in two.

▲Mexico City — Pedro Rodriguez, 117, beat Carmelo Montes, 117, ten; Pablo Ramirez, 125, outpointed Agustin Martinez, 124, in eight; Carlos Urbano, 116, bested Jose "Zombie" Reyes, 116, in eight; Arturo Huertas, 115, and Pablo Marquez, 115, drew in six; Demetrio Vega, 113, won over Marcelo Hernandez, 113, in four.

▲Tijuana, Baja California — Ignacio "Negro" Campos, 124, KO'd Juan Ordonez, 124, in nine.

▲Jalapa, Veracruz — Margarito "Mosco" Lozano, 115, iced "Mulato" Cruz, 114, in one.

▲Piedras Negras, Coahuila — Bobby Ruiz, 112, in a big surprise, decisioned Francisco "Trompo" Marquez, 112, in ten.

▲Coatzacoalcos, Veracruz — Gustavo Salgado, 124, TKO'd Emilio "Cacha" Zamora, 122, in five.

▲Guadalajara, Jalisco — Manny Garcia, 118, TKO'd Ray Ruiz, 116, in three.

▲Monterrey, Nuevo Leon — Adan Echeverria, 139, lost to "Pantera" Ramirez, 138, in ten; Basilio Guajardo, 112, TKO'd Heriberto Sanchez, 112, in nine.

▲Salina Cruz, Oaxaca — Jorge David Monzon, 125, knocked out Nezaeh Macias, 125, in six; Richardo Lira, 113, KO'd Jorge Ramirez, 113, in five.

▲Acapulco, Guerrero — Victor Hugo Aguirre, 111, TKO'd Florencio Barbosa, 111, in five; Carlos Hernandez, 124, iced Guillermo Torres, 124, in one; Felipe Farias, 123, bested Abel Vargas, 125, in ten.

▲Mexico City — Ernesto Garfias, 136, decisioned Juan Pablo Oropeza, 135, in ten; Carlos Segura, 118, defeated Joaquin Gonzalez, 118, in 10; Pablo Rodriguez, 124, TKO'd Francisco Manzo, 124, in five; Jose Luis Tapia, 120, TKO'd Chucho Velazco, 124, in two; Artemio Ramirez, 110, bested Miguel Ceron, 111, in four.

▲Oaxaca — Adelaido Galindo, 112, put Aureliano Castillo, 112, to sleep in two; Alfonso Jimenez, 134, stopped Jorge Lira, 134, in two; Jorge Morales, 123, bombed Manny Cano, 124, in one.

▲Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas — Alfredo Pitalua, 134, of Colombia, kayoed Carlos Romero, 134, in three; Alfredo "Relampago" Burgua, 114, TKO'd Lorenzo "Halimi" Gutierrez, 115, in five; Carlos Mendoza, 124, of Panama, TKO'd Rocky Guillen, 125, in three.

▲Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas — Gonzalo "Raton" Montes, 134, won over Salvador Eguia, 134, in ten; Memo Cantu, 118, bested Fili Gonzalez, 117, in ten.

▲Manzanillo, Colima — Cosme Corcuera, 125, stopped Jesus Alfaro, 124, in three.

▲Tijuana, Baja California — Juan Escobar, 125, decisioned Antonio Nava, 125, in ten.

▲Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas — Gerardo Pena, 119, KO'd "Lobito" Morales, 118, in three; Ricardo Varela, 116, stopped Baltazar Espana, 112, in three.

▲Reynosa, Tamaulipas — Hector "Toluco" Munoz, 134, lost to Gregorio "Goyo" Iracheta, 135, in ten; Chuy Miranda, 118, TKO'd Rudy Mendiolea, 118, in seven; "Mulato" Cruz, 115, polished off Jose Flores, 115, in three; Jose Garcia, 117, KO'd "Chino" Morales, 116, in two; Jose Baltazar, 115, nailed Max Martinez, 116, in two; Artemio Palos, 119, beat David Garcia, 118, in four.

▲Acapulco, Guerrero — Joel Gatica, 112, flattened Miguel Angel Alvarez, 112, in four; Leo Cruz, 135, disposed of Jose Luis Hernandez, 134, in two.

▲Guadalajara, Jalisco — Benjamin Abarca, 125, knocked out Brigido Martinez, 124, in five.

▲Tijuana, Baja California — Lupe Acosta, 124, TKO'd Miguel Sotelo, 124, in ten.

▲Guamuchil, Sinaloa — Sammy Garcia, 144, stopped Fermin Soto, 143, in two.

▲Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas — Fernando Montes, 191, Mexican heavyweight champion, halted Alberto "Tocho" Gomez, 187, in seven; Pancho Rodriguez, 123, KO'd "Pantera" Cruz, 122, in six.

▲Acapulco, Guerrero — Eduardo Adame, 117, embalmed Salvador "Raton" Estrada, 118, in five; Jesus Sorroza, 111, disposed of Jaime Cruz, 110, in seven; Mario Simon, 116, polished off Carlos Urbano, 117, in seven; Eleazar Zarate, 111, TKO'd Raul Lopez, 110, in five.

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▲Mexico City — Jorge Vera, 112, won by a technical decision over Agustin Palacios, 113, in five. Juan Sarmiento, 134, TKO'd Adrian Gutierrez, 136, in nine. Nacho Rivera, 124, kayoed Jose Luis Tapia, 123, in three; Picho Rivera, 117, bested Genaro Romero, 117, in six; Jorge Goria, 120, decisioned David Garcia, 119, in four.

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▲Monterrey, Nuevo Leon — Marco A. Rocha, 114, outscored Catalino Flores, 113, of Phillipines, in ten. Basilio Guajardo, 145, polished off Raul Ortiz, 146, in two.

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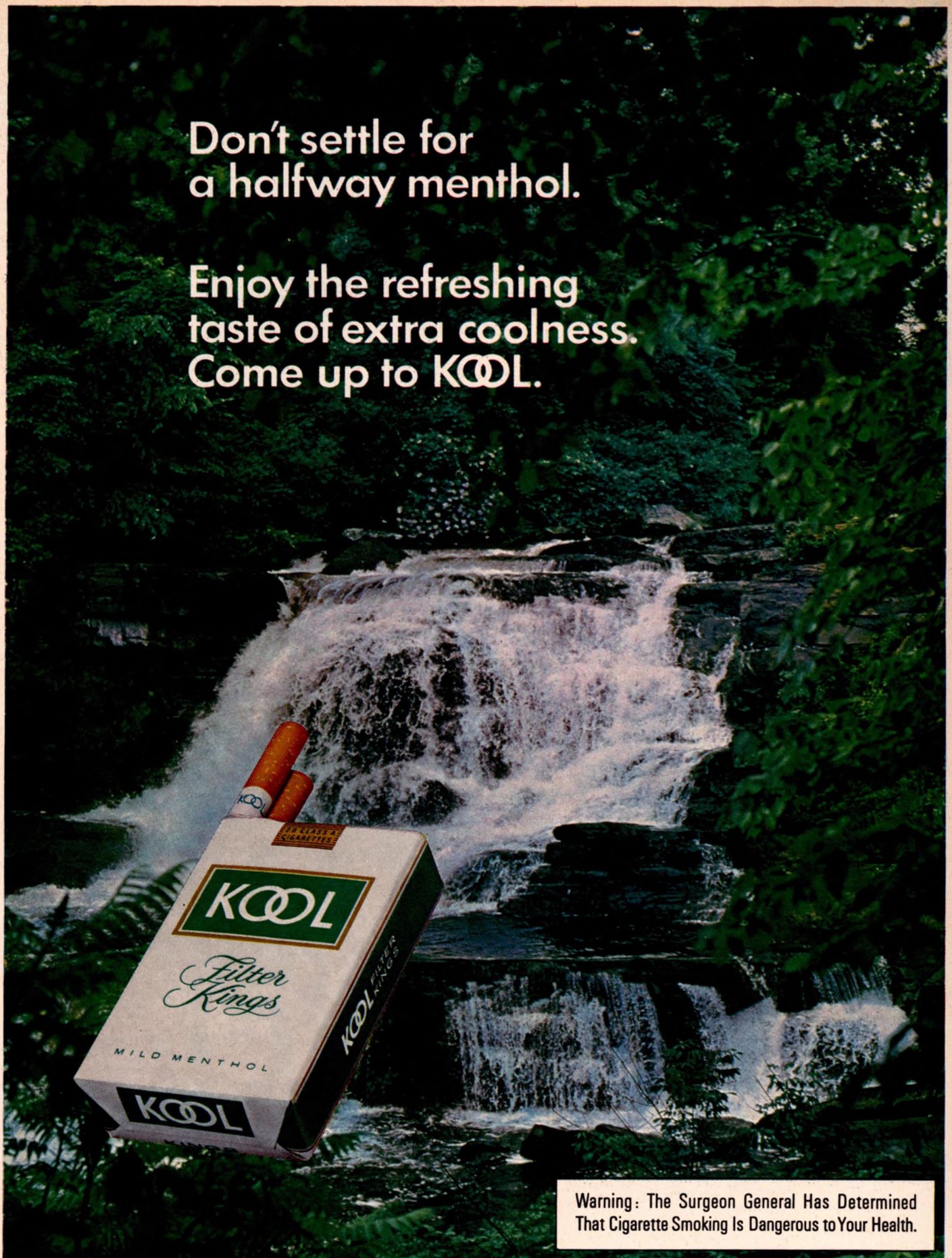

17 mg. "tar," 1.3 mg. nicotine, av. per cigarette, FTC Report Dec. '76

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